Acts of the Apostles

Philippi (Part 2) (Acts 16:16-40)

I. The Conversion of Lydia and her Household (vs. 13-15)

II. The Deliverance of a Demon-Possessed Slave Girl (vs. 16-18)

-“python spirit”

-Demon possession outside the gospels (Acts 5:16; 8:7; 16:16f; 19:11-13)

→We must steer clear of people and things that are unsuitably associated with, or attached to, the gospel.

III. The Conversion of the Jailer (vs. 19-34)

→When the gospel stakes its claim on one’s pocketbook, one’s true allegiance will be revealed (Matt.

6:24; 1 Tim. 6:5).

-The jailer and his household all believed (v. 34).

-There was immediate evidence of the jailer’s conversion (vs. 33, 34).

IV. The Release of Paul and Silas (vs. 35-40)

→Meekness is compatible with asserting one’s rights.

→God saves all sorts of people in all sorts of ways.

→Faithful followers of Christ will suffer for it (Acts 14:22; 2 Tim. 3:12).

→The message of the gospel can be known but not experienced; is the message we all need; produces great

joy.