

## THE EXCITING TRIUMPHS OF OUR RISEN LORD

*Acts 16:6-40 // April 17, 2022 AM*

### **I. The risen Christ sovereignly directs His emissaries (vv. 6-12).**

- A. Christ's Spirit negatively restrains gospel witness (vv. 6-7).
- B. Christ's Spirit positively constrains gospel witness (vv. 8-12).

### **II. The risen Christ sovereignly delivers His elect (vv. 13-15).**

- A. Christ's Spirit opens hearts through gospel witness (vv. 13-14).
- B. Christ's Spirit opens homes through gospel witness (v. 15).

### **III. The risen Christ sovereignly derides His enemies (vv. 16-34).**

- A. Christ's Spirit wields demonic oppression for gospel witness (vv. 16-24).
- B. Christ's Spirit wields demonic opposition for gospel witness (vv. 25-34).

#### QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the doctrine of concurrence? Can you give an example?
2. What lesson do we learn from the Spirit hindering Paul and his team from taking to the gospel to certain regions (vv. 6-7)?
3. Who joins Paul and his team in Troas? Why would the addition of this man have been helpful?
4. Who is Lydia? And what happens to her as she hears the gospel preached?
5. What difficult and demonic things does the Lord use to cause the gospel to reach the jailer in Philippi?
6. Why are the households of Lydia and the jailer baptized when only the individual faith of Lydia and the jailer are spoken of?

#### QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I suffer from a low-level guilt that I am not doing enough for the Lord? How do I discern the ways I should and should not be serving Him, given my creaturely limitations?
2. Am I learning to praise and pray in small trials so that I might be strengthened to do the same in big trials?
3. Am I bored by the church and Christianity? If so, what does this say about my spiritual condition or the spiritual condition of the church?