

Acts 16:35

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

'When it was day, the magistrates sent the serjeants, saying, Let those men go.' The magistrates' change of heart may reflect regret over hasty action, fear of the earthquake's supernatural significance, or political calculation. Whatever the cause, God orchestrated Paul's release through official channels rather than miraculous escape.

Historical Context

The magistrates (duumviri) sent lictors (serjeants carrying rods) with release orders. This public reversal would vindicate Paul and protect the Philippian church from future persecution.

Related Passages

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How does God work through both miracles and ordinary circumstances?
2. Why does God sometimes vindicate His servants publicly?
3. What does it mean to trust God's timing in deliverance?

Interlinear Text

Ἐμέρας δὲ γενομένης ἀπέστειλαν οἱ στρατηγοὶ τοὺς
day And when it was sent G3588 the magistrates G3588
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ῥαβδούχους λέγοντες Ἀπόλυσον τοὺς ἀνθρώπους ἐκείνους
the serjeants saying Let G3588 men those
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