



5. The Greatest Question

Acts 16:25-40

1. A Vital Question v30

- “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”
 - a) What prompted it?**
 - Prisoners singing and praying – Men who had something so great that it outweighed injustice
 - Prisoners who wouldn’t escape – Men who had something so rich it outweighed revenge & freedom
 - The lives of Christians should make people ask questions about why we are different, have different values, how we cope with trials etc
 - b) What makes a vital question?**
 - Vital because there is no bigger issue we face
 - We are not what we should be, not ready to face God
 - Vital because we all need to ask it - everyone needs rescued
 - Vital because we are just a breath away from meeting God
 - Vital because all else counts for nothing

2. A Surprising Answer v31-32

- “Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved”
 - a) Surprising because it’s different**
 - Not a ‘to do’ list, not ‘change then acceptance’.
 - b) Surprising because it’s all done for us**
 - Jesus came to do what we couldn’t do, & pay what we couldn’t pay
 - It’s all already done! Salvation is a gift, not a reward.
 - c) Surprising because it’s so simple**
 - “Believe” – not just the facts of his existence or the cross
 - Trusting in Jesus’ perfect life to cover your imperfect life
 - Trusting in Jesus’ atoning death to pay for your guilt
 - An invitation to a relationship, not a transaction
 - d) Surprising because of it’s certainty**
 - “you will be saved” - Jesus has done all that’s necessary salvation

3. An Outward Change v33-34

- Change follows salvation
- 3 Outward indicators of inner change seen here
 - He puts himself at disposal of Paul and Silas
 - He wants to publicly identify with the Christians - Baptism
 - He wants his family to know about Jesus’ salvation
- Christianity starts as an inner change, but it soon shows outwardly



Sunday 30th August 09

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Notices

Tues Prayer time @ _____ 8pm

Young Adults’ Weekend - 11th-13th September - Annalong, Co Down

Speaker - Rev Andrew Lucas on Ruth

Application Forms available - need to be in by 30th August

Sun 12th Lord’s Supper at morning service - If you haven’t joined with us to take part in the Lord’s Supper and would like to take part please speak to Mark before the 12th. If you simply wish to come along and be part of the service but not take part in the Lord’s Supper, you’re welcome to do that.

Christianity Explored

A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don’t need to know anything about the Bible
- You won’t be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

If you’re interested in finding out more, or having one in your home for friends to come to - speak to Mark

Sunday 7th - Phillipians I

Opening Psalm: 105:18-21

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