

The Foundation is Christ

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Prayer to Christ?

Things to keep in mind:

- ★ The dominant emphasis of the NT?
- ★ Jesus' teaching (Mat 6; Jn 14)?
- ★ God given role of Jesus for us?
- ★ Special interaction with Christ in 1st Cent.
- ★ Need for a black/white position?



Providence

Road blocks & door openings:

★ Holy Spirit 16:6

★ Jesus 16:7

★ God 16:10

★ 'a man...' 16:9

★ 'the Lord' 16:14

'the spirit of Jesus did not permit them'

come
and help!





Christ is the Foundation

What is Jesus Doing?



Lydia's Heart

- ★ place of prayer
- ★ 'heard us'
- ★ 'Lord opened her heart to heed...'

'He opened their understanding...
necessary for Christ to suffer and rise
from the dead..'

Luke 24:45



Lydia's Heart

‘she **besought** us... come into my house’

★ Grk 3849 only 2x in NT

★ Luke 24:29 - *context*:

- ‘stay with us’
- breaking of bread
- eyes opened
- knew him
- ‘*our heart burned within us...
as he opened the Scriptures...*’



Lydia's Heart

'Open my eyes so I can truly see
the marvelous things in your law!'

Psalm 119:18

Women & the Gospel

Notable women:

- ★ Lydia
- ★ Euodia
- ★ Syntyche
- ★ 'not a few...leading women' 17:4
- ★ 'not a few... prominent women' 17:12





Jericho & Philippi - Victory!

Joshua & Jericho

Joshua + two spies

Crossing of the Jordan
(3:1-17)

‘the LORD said to Joshua...
circumcise the sons of
Israel...’ (5:2)

Divine **vision** of a man
appearing to him – God’s
work (5:13-15)

Jesus & Philippi

Jesus + two apostles
(mainly Paul and Silas) (cf.
v7 – ‘spirit of Jesus’)

Crossing Dardanelles/
Aegean (v11)

‘And he took him and
circumcised him...’ (v3)

Divine **vision** of a man
appearing to him – God’s
work (v9)



Joshua & Jericho

Jericho taken on **Sabbath** – seventh day (6:15)

Rahab + two spies (2:1)

Stayed at Rahab's **house** (2:1,6)

Rahab's **household** saved (2:12-13, 18; 6:25)

'By **faith** Rahab...' (Heb 11:31)

First convert (+female) in Promised Land

Jesus & Philippi

Philippi was taken on the **Sabbath** (v13)

Lydia + Paul & Silas (and others)

Stayed at Lydia's **house** (v15, 40)

Lydia's **household** saved (v15)

'if you have judged me to be **faithful** to the Lord' (v15)

First convert (+female) in Europe



Joshua & Jericho

'It was told the king of Jericho... men have come here tonight from the **children of Israel** to search out the country' (2:2)

'so the people **shouted**... and it happened when the people **heard**... the wall fell down flat' (6:20)

Earthquake – walls fell flat + conquered (6:20)

Jesus & Philippi

'they brought them to the magistrates... these men, **being Jews**, exceedingly trouble our city' (v20)

'were **praying** and **singing** hymns to God and the prisoners were **listening** to them... suddenly... the foundations were shaken' (v25)

Great earthquake – foundations shaken + deliverance (v26)

Jailor's Foundation

His stood to lose his:

- ★ Livelihood
- ★ Pride
- ★ Status & reputation
- ★ Life



Rome was all he had.

