

Church and State – The Early Church in Acts Lesson 6 - Roman Authorities and Cultural Elites

I. Philippi – Confronting Roman Authority

II. Athens – Confronting Cultural Elites

For Further Discussion:

1. What do you think the jailer in Philippi thought about Paul and Silas? Singing hymns must have been very unusual for his normal prisoners! Why did he react the way he did – asking for salvation?
2. How were the intellectuals in Athens similar to the cultural elites of our time?
3. In his speech in Athens, Paul mentions the resurrection, but not Jesus' death for our sins. Why do you think he emphasized the resurrection?

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Paul and Silas' Prison Cell in Philippi



Paul and Silas, 2nd Missionary Journey 49-51 AD