

Danger Avoided; Disaster Averted

Acts 20:1-12

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2. Ministry in Macedonia. 20:2a
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4. Discovery of a sea-going plot. 20:3b
5. Re-routing through Macedonia. 20:3c
6. Paul's assistants. 20:4-5
7. Voyage to Troas. 20:6
8. Lessons to apply..
 - a. Serving Jesus is a demanding task.
 - b. It is important to help new converts keep growing.
 - c. It is essential to train others to serve Jesus also.
 - d. Serving Jesus may bring us opposition.
 - e. If there is no risk, there is no reward.
 - f. When danger threatens, don't be foolhardy.
 - g. Use your head to escape danger.
 - h. I am never safer than when I am serving Jesus.
 - i. Psalm 27:1

B. Disaster Averted. Acts 20:7-12

1. The time of the incident. 20:7a
 - a. Should a NT Christian observe the Sabbath?
2. Paul's lengthy address. 20:7b
3. Many lamps. 20:8
4. The seat of Eutychus. 20:9a
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7. The immediate actions of Paul. 20:10a
8. His reassurance of the crowd. 20:10b
9. The further actions of Paul. 20:11
10. The actions of the church
11. Observations and Applications
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 - b. Paul had a sense of urgency.
 - c. He talked until midnight!
 - d. Perhaps he would never see them again?
 - e. Even the greatest speakers can put you to sleep!
 - f. Dr. Luke understood...
 - g. Dr. Luke reported the teen was dead.
 - h. Paul lay down on the boy.
 - i. Paul embraced him.
 - j. God miraculously brought him back to life.
 - k. God had given Paul, as Apostle, the ability to perform miracles. (2 Corinthians 12:12)
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C. Closing Thoughts...

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