

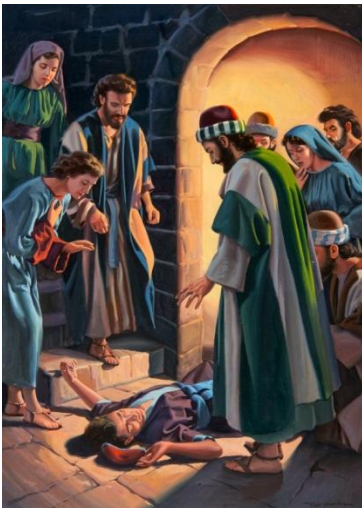
Moving on and a Midnight Miracle Acts 20:1-16

Moving on: What is the goal for Paul? 1-6, 13-16

- ◆ Paul's aim is the same as in 14:22, 16:40, plus to bid tearful farewells (20:1,2,17-38) since he plans to go farther west (19:21) after his return trip to Jerusalem for the day of Pentecost.
- ◆ Church representatives join Paul because of a relief fund, Rom. 15:26.
- ◆ Another plot upon Paul's life fails, see 9:29, 14:5, 21:31, 23:12, 27:42; but it does slow him down, for he decides to go back through Macedonia. What does Paul's change of plan suggest, recall 19:21, 23:11, 27:23.

Midnight miracle: What is the lesson for us? 7-12

- ◆ Sunday became the day for worship, I Cor. 16:2, Rev. 1:10; but it also was just a regular work day for both Jews and Gentiles.
- ◆ Who is to blame for this near tragedy? Paul, Eutychus, anyone?
- ◆ Compare this to 9:39-41, plus I Kgs. 17:21, 2 Kgs. 4:34,35. What was Luke's probable main reason for including this episode?



Though I don't think Luke was attempting to make a clear connection between the plot on Paul's life and the death of Eutychus, is it not possible to see something here that ought to serve as a lesson for us?