

River Near Philippi



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- **Acts 16:13** – “And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there.
 - What river this was is not known. It is known, however, that the Jews were accustomed to provide water, or to build their synagogues and oratories near water, for the convenience of the numerous washings before and during their religious services. Where there was a place of prayer, or where prayer was commonly offered. The Greek will bear either, but the sense is the same.
 - Places for prayer were erected by the Jews in the vicinity of cities and towns, and particularly where there were not Jewish families enough, or where they were forbidden by the magistrate to erect a synagogue.
 - These places of prayer, were simple enclosures made of stones, in a grove or under a tree, where there would be a retired and convenient place for worship.