

**The Man Who Fell Asleep
In Church
Acts 20:7-12**

Observations

- This has always to me been cryptically humorous story to me because it ended well
- People have been falling asleep in church obviously since the 1st century
- You can get in trouble falling to sleep at the wrong time

Several Points

- #1 These members were faithful to gather together on the Lord's day
- It was the first day of the week according to the text; therefore it was the Lord's day
- As a matter of fact, the text says Paul preached until midnight, so it was not a Sunday morning crowd, this was a Sunday night church service

#2 Notice the Sincerity and Earnestness of Paul

- His plan was to leave early the next day, But he kept speaking on and on until midnight
- Preaching the gospel can be a passionate challenge in ministry

“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!”

1 Corinthians 9:16

Question

Why Did Eutychus Fall Asleep?

1 Had he worked all day and come to church in a tired condition

If so, you really can't blame him, and probably commend him for being there in the first place

Some members of our congregation do the same thing

First and Foremost

We Should Honor the Lord's Day

- **This is a part of seeking first the kingdom, Matthew 6:33**

We Should Prepare for the Lord's Day

- **Prepare yourself spiritually**
Spend time in prayer the day before
- **Prepare yourself physically**
Get plenty of rest before coming to worship God
The sanctuary of God was not intended to be a dormitory

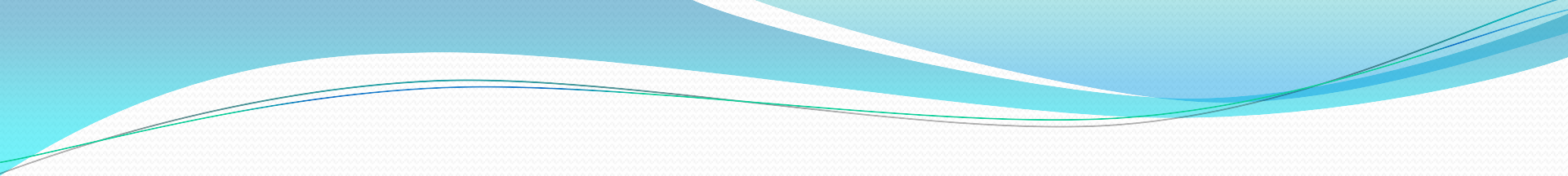
#2 Eutychus Could Have Fallen Asleep Out Of Boredom and Indifference

- If this were the case, then his problem was a spiritual one which translated into a physical problem

Romans 13:11

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.”

So if Eutychus had been awake spiritually, he should have been able to stay awake physically!



***We Need to
Courageously Deal
with Any Spiritual
Barrier that Robs Us
of Our Spiritual Vigor!***

Hebrews 12:1-2

Conclusion

- So Eutychus falls out of the window from the third floor of the building and is thought to be dead. Remember, Luke was a doctor, he should know.
- The apostle Paul brings him back from the dead, imitating Elisha's procedure that was used in restoring the Shunammite woman's son to life, by stretching himself on the young man's body
- Imagine the testimony the church had, being aware of the situation, the faith, the reassurance that was gleaned



STAY

WOKE!

The Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Believe the Gospel	Acts 15:7
Repent of Sins	Acts 17:30
Confess Christ	Acts 8:37
Be Baptized	Acts 8:38