

Eutychus falls from a window sill in church

Acts 20: 7-12

Paul loves to tell people about the Lord Jesus wherever he goes. He travels a lot, and in every country and town he comes, he tells people about the Lord Jesus.

“Come quickly, he’s nearly here!” The people rush to the harbour, where they can see the boat coming. The boat makes its way to the harbour. The gangplank is put out, and everyone leaves the boat. And there he is! Paul is there too. Everyone is so happy that he has finally got here. Paul has come to tell them about the Lord Jesus. He’s going to stay in the town for a while.

On Sunday the people go to the church. It’s not a normal church, but it’s quite a high building. On the third floor, at the top, there’s a large room, and everyone gathers there, because that’s where Paul is going to talk.

There are lots of people there. Everyone wants to hear Paul speaking. Eutychus is there too. He’s a boy and he wants to listen to Paul too.

It’s very busy and the whole room is full. There’s no space for Eutychus to sit, so he goes to the window and sits on the window sill.

Paul talks about Jesus. He talks for a long long time – there’s so much to tell and he is going away again tomorrow. So he talks, right on into the night.

Eutychus is listening. It’s warm and he’s getting tired. Slowly he falls asleep. But then something terrible happens.....he falls asleep while he is sitting on the window sill next to an open window. Because he is asleep he’s not holding on properly and.....he falls out of the window! All the way from the top to the bottom. Everyone is shocked and rushes downstairs to see what has happened. Eutychus is lying on the ground. He is dead.

“Oh! That’s awful, that’s terrible!” Everyone is crying and upset. Then Paul comes up to Eutychus, lies down on the ground next to him and puts his arms around him. Paul prays to God and asks him to bring Eutychus back to life. And then.....then.....Eutychus gets up! What a miracle! He’s alive!!

The people cheer and praise God. What a miracle! God has brought Eutychus back to life again!

“Wow, you are really lucky!” says someone to Eutychus. Eutychus laughs. His name means fortunate, lucky, and he is fortunate! Together with Paul and the others he goes back upstairs again. He is so happy and thankful.

Eutychus is really fortunate to be alive.

God is stronger than death, and brought Eutychus back to life again, just as Jesus came back to life again.