

Acts 5:17; to 5:42; Apostle Imprisoned.



Acts 5:17-20; Apostles Arrested?

Acts 4:1-2; “And as they spoke unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, the Sadducees, came upon them, being grieved that they taught the people, and **preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”**

Matt 22:23; “The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection.”

Acts 23:7-8; “there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.”

Acts 5:17-20; Apostles Arrested?

This is ANOTHER Attempt to Stifle the Gospel!

The High Priest and his associates try again to stifle the Apostles by arresting them.

APOSTLES ARRESTED.

Does this mean ALL OF THEM - all 12! See 5:29; ONE EVENT has prompted this action by the rulers. They recognize that these are the KEY MEN.

The old saying: GO FOR THE JUGULAR VEIN! We are looking at the BOLDEST OF DESPERATE MEN. Drastic measures are needed to curb the growing influence of this new faith.

Acts 5:17-20; Apostles Arrested?

The Pharisees and Sadducees were jealous because the people were going after the Apostles and leaving these leaders and their authority.

Also irritation with the apostles.

"We gave you strict orders not to....

But you have filled Jerusalem...

They authorities are getting bolder.

I think this is indicated by the fact that **the jail** where the Apostles are put this time is **the public jail**.

Acts 5:18; And laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison.

Remember that this is not the first time that they do this to God's servants, many others had tasted jail sentences for the same reason: PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Joseph had been in jail.

Daniel had been in jail.

Jeremiah had been in jail.

John the Baptist had been in jail.

Paul and Silas.

Now Peter and John.

Being put in prison for standing up for God is nothing new for the Man of God.



Acts 5:17-20; Tell the full message?

The **Sanhedrin** was the **official leadership** of the Jewish nation consisting of about 71 influential men including the high priest.

Pharisees (Roper)

Pharisaioi from Hebrew **perushim**, “The Separated Ones”

During Maccabees. (AR—against Hellenization)

Separate from those who did not maintain ceremonial purity.

Strictest sect (26:5)

Nicodemus (Jn. 3:1), Paul (Gal. 1:14; Phil 3:5;)

Josephus - at time of Jesus, only about 6000.

Different from Sadducees

No political ambitions

Believed in spirits, angels, and a resurrection (23:8;)

Some became Christians (15:5; 23:6;)

Party continued to exist after destruction of Jerusalem.



Acts 5:17-20; Tell the full message?

The Sadducees were a group that did not believe in angels or the resurrection of the dead.

That was what made them **sad you see**



Acts 5:17-20; Tell the full message?

Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.

High priest - Annas or Caiaphas. Based on John 11:47ff; **perhaps Caiaphas.**

What issues do the Sadducees have with the apostles?

Sadducees oppose the apostles doctrines
They FEAR that the people would REVOLT against them (they were not popular amongst the common people) and revolt against Rome.

Acts 5:17-20; Tell the full message?

“But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and **tell the people the full message of this new life.**”



“opened prison doors,” seven reasons: Dake?

1. To encourage the apostles.;
2. To prove they were under God's care.
3. To show Jewish rulers they were fighting against God.
4. To show Jews that they were persecuting true followers of God.
5. To show Jews they were hindering the gospel of salvation to all people.
6. To give Jews another loving reproof.
7. To give Jews another chance to repent.

“The whole message of this Life was a graphic way of speaking of Jesus, the source of spiritual life. (Jn. 1:4; 6:68;14:6).” (Roper)

Acts 5:21; Tell the full message?

“At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.”

The Apostles obey God.

That morning (day break as the morning sacrifice is about to be offered) they appear in the temple courts.

They went to the most public place in Jerusalem!

**They did the very thing they have been forbidden by the priests to do! The thing which caused their arrest in the first place.
THEY TAUGHT THE PEOPLE!!**

Acts 5:21; Tell the full message?

The angel had said:-

“Tell the people the full message of this new life.”

No waiting! No hesitancy!

**They boldly testify to the resurrection of Jesus
and explain what it means for man’s salvation.**

Acts 5:17-20; GO?

**God does expect us to go into our world
and preach the gospel.**

He wants us to **preach the good news to our friends
and family, those we work with, our neighbours.**

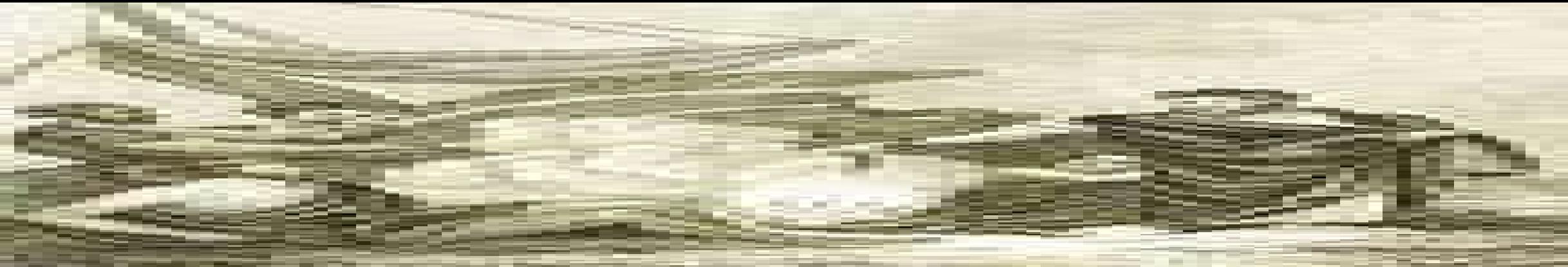


That's why He sent an angel to the apostles.

Acts 5:17-20; GO?
That's why He sent Jonah a great fish!



**That's why He sent a great storm
for Paul on his travels to Rome.**



Acts 5:17-20; GO?

“In the morning his mind was troubled,
so he sent for all the magicians
and wise men of Egypt.” Genesis 41:8;



Acts 5:17-20; Tell the full message?

This was a limited act in that

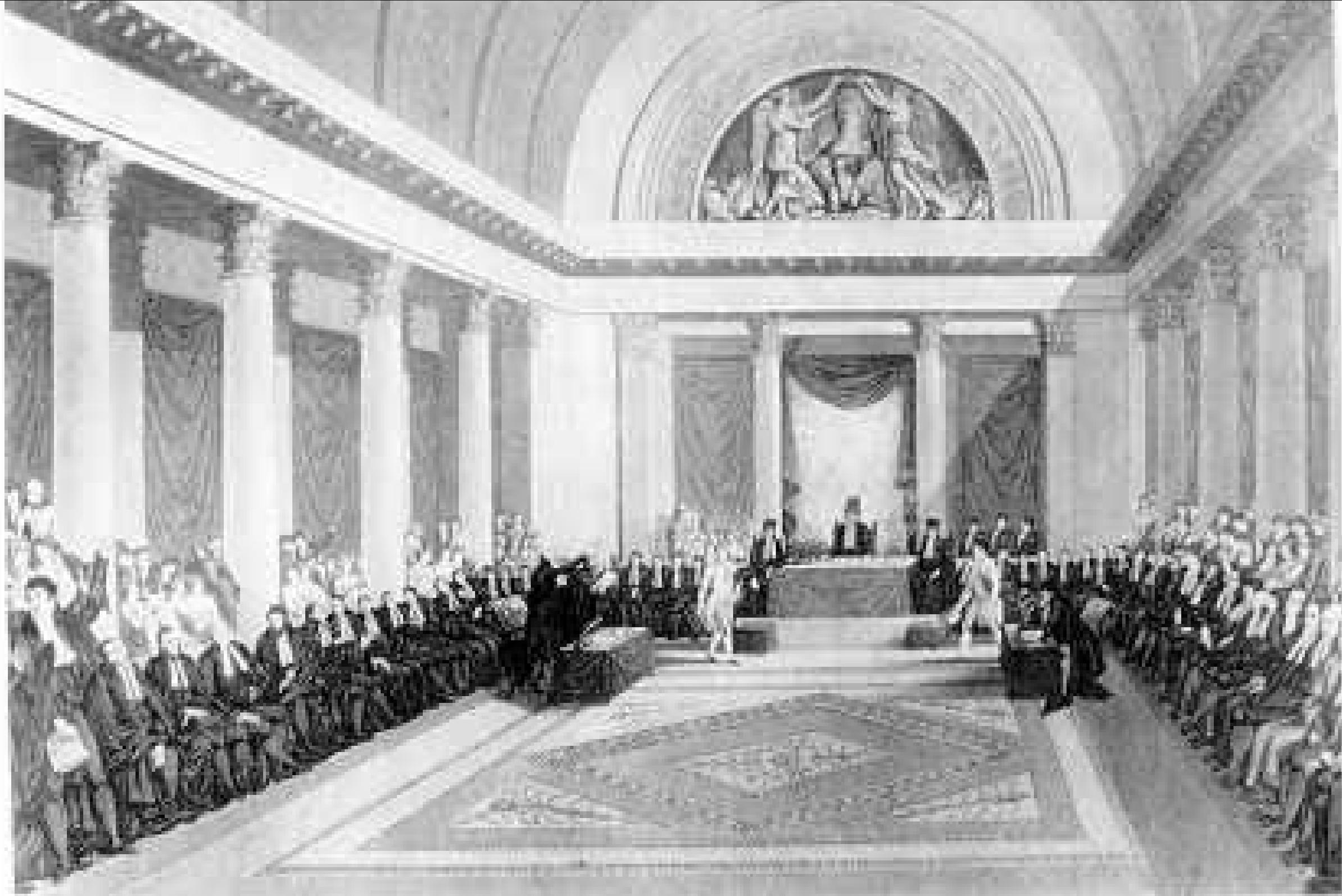
the Lord did not always protect the apostles.

Consider **James** whom **Herod killed**. (Acts 12:1-4;)

**The Lord delivered the apostles
so that they could continue to teach.**

**While the Lord may not work
in the same way as He did with the apostles.
We do know that the Lord will never leave us
no matter what happens to us.
(Hebrews 13:5-6;)**

Acts 5:21; The Full Sanhedrin Meets!



Acts 5:21; The Full Sanhedrin Meets!

“When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together **the Sanhedrin-the full assembly** of the elders of Israel-and sent to the jail for the apostles. 22 But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there.”

The Sanhedrin was the **“Supreme Court”** of the Jewish nation.

This was an aristocratic body composed of the rich and powerful Pharisees and Sadducees.

According to the Mishna, the Sanhedrin was composed of about seventy tribal elders presided over by the High Priest and his priestly associates.

A group of scribes served as legal advisors.

Acts 5:21; The Full Sanhedrin Meets!

It is Usually thought that the Sanhedrin could be traced back to the 70 Elders of Israel who were selected to help Moses. Num 11:16;

BUT IN FACT, the council of which we read in the N.T. goes no farther back than to **the GREEK period**.

THEIR AIM was among other things, **to INTIMIDATE** their 'prisoners'.

At least they **THOUGHT** that they had prisoners!

They did not **KNOW** what we know! - that the apostles were no longer in prison but were actually **TEACHING IN THE TEMPLE!**

But imagine these Rulers!

ROBES! DIGNITY! NUMBERS!

Everything calculated - or so they think –

to make 12 ordinary men afraid!



Acts 5:23-24; The Jail is empty!

“So they went back and reported, 23 “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”

24 “On hearing this report, **the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests** were puzzled, wondering what would come of this.”

What was going through the minds of those gathered there?

Harry Houdini.



Acts 5:23-24; The Jail is empty!

When the Sanhedrin sent some of their officers to the jail to bring the Apostles before the court, they found the cell locked with the guards at their posts outside the cell doors.

But when they looked inside the cell it was empty.

There is no physical explanation of how this could have happened. Of course the Sanhedrin had to know it had been a miracle.

Conclusion to Acts 5:1-24;

By their obvious supernatural knowledge and wisdom, their miraculous powers and the fact that no jail can hold them **the people believe the Apostles are servants of God preaching a message from God.**

Even the rulers of the Jews have to know these men are guided and empowered by God.

Still, as they did with Jesus, they cannot bear to think of losing their prestige and their power over the people.

Conclusion to Acts 5:1-24;

By these things and by what happened to Ananias and Sapphira, the authority of the Apostles is well established among the common people, especially the disciples.

After these threats, beatings and incarcerations will the Apostles keep on preaching in the temple?

**If they do, what will the rulers of the Jews do next?
Will they jail them and beat them again?
Will they kill them?**

Acts 5:25-42; Obey God Rather than Men.

**The minds of the Jewish rulers
have not been changed in the least
by the miracles done by the Apostles.**

**They wouldn't care how many times angels release
them from jail. They know these witnesses to
the resurrection of Jesus are speaking the truth.**

THEY DON'T CARE.

**They think that somehow their political power
can win the day. They can stop this insurgency
and things can return to the status quo.**

Acts 5:25-42; Obey God Rather than Men.

The rulers of the Jews have been trying to silence the Apostles. They have threatened them and kept Peter and John overnight in jail.

Up until now they have been afraid to punish them because the people held them in awe because they had healed the crippled beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the temple.

But because the Apostles continue to draw people and testify to the resurrection of Jesus, the Jewish rulers feel they must shut them up.

Acts 5:25-42; Obey God Rather than Men.



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I think it is a fallacy to think that everyone who learns the truth will change his behaviour simply because he learns it.

Faith is a moral choice. If a person does not want to believe something he can rationalize and invent all kinds of reasons that sound plausible to himself for not believing.

Paul said that **“if a person does not love truth,** God will send him a strong delusion so he will believe a lie and be condemned.”

2 Thess 2:10-12;

Acts 5:25-42; Obey God Rather than Men.

Jesus said about these very Jewish rulers who are persecuting the Apostles,
"Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand." (Matthew 13:13;)

"There are none so blind as those who will not see."
is an old aphorism based on Jeremiah 5:21;
that will always be true.

**But is there any way these self-deceived rulers
can stop the spread of the gospel?**

Acts 5:25; "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."



Acts 5:25-26; Obey God Rather than Men.

**25 “Then someone came and said,
“Look! The men you put in jail are standing
in the temple courts teaching the people.”**

**26 “At that, the captain went with his officers
and brought the apostles. They did not use force,
because they feared that
the people would stone them.”**

**The officers sent to arrest the apostles in the temple
courts feared that the people would stone them
if they used violence in making the arrest.
I think they asked them to come with them
and the apostles went voluntarily.**

Acts 5:27-28; Apostles Arrested again.

Acts 5:27-28; “And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, saying,”

“Did not we strictly command you that **you should not teach in this name?** and, behold, **you have filled Jerusalem** with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.”



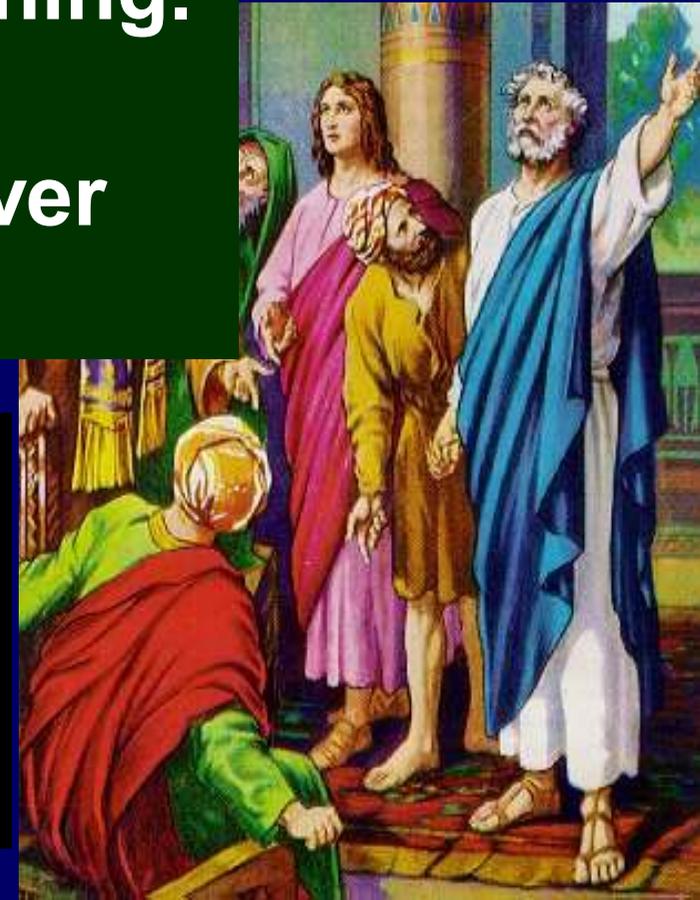
Acts 5:27: “And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them.”

This is nothing new for Peter and John and the other apostles. They have been already in front of the whole council. **This is now the second time.**

The same group is in front and ready to hear about this new doctrine that they are teaching.

Remember that when Jesus healed the blind man they question over and over until the blind man answered:

John 9:27; He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. **Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become His disciples?"**



Acts 5:28; Who was responsible?



Was the **Sanhedrin**
morally responsible
for Jesus' death?

Acts 5:28; Who was responsible?

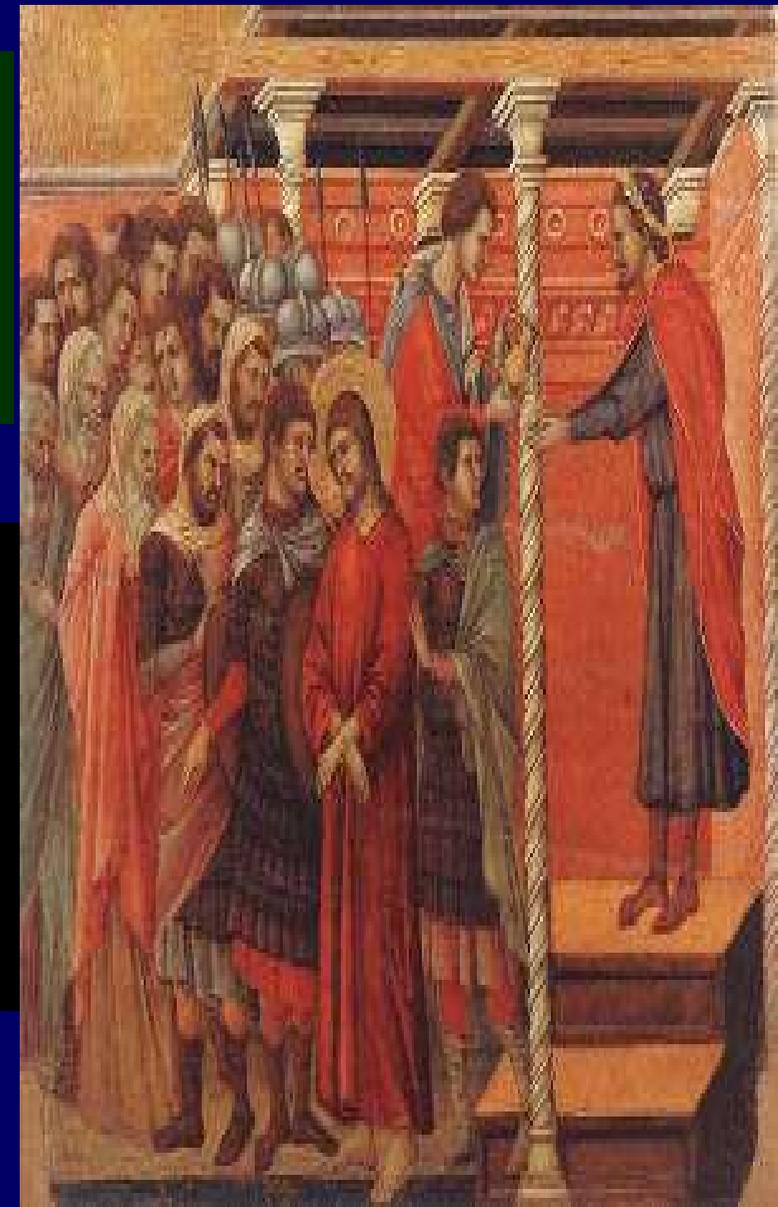
“When **Pilate** saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and **washed his hands** in front of the crowd.”

I am innocent of this man's blood,
he said.

"It is your responsibility!"

**All the people answered,
"Let his blood be on us
and on our children!"**

Matthew 27:24-25;



Acts 5:28; Who was responsible?



Acts 5:28; Who was responsible?

Jealousy has been mentioned as **a reason** for the attempts of the Sadducees and the priests to silence the preaching of the Apostles, not wanting to lose their authority over the multitudes to the Apostles.

Now we see another reason. These Jewish rulers do not want the common people to blame them for the wrongful death of an innocent man, especially one who might be their Messiah.



"We must obey God
rather than
men!"

Acts 5:29

Acts 5:29; Obey God Rather than Men.



**The same answer as before (Acts 4:19;).
founded on the same reason,
which still stood good.**

**Peter never mentions Jesus Christ
without blaming them for the crucifixion.**

Acts 5:29; Obey God Rather than Men.

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.



Original text: **“tree” xulon.** (KJV) **Cross is “stauros”**

Xulon used as a **substitute** for **stauros** four other times in NT.

10:39; 13:29; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24.

Offense of the cross. Gal. 3:13; Quoting Deut. 21:23. (Roper) 201.

Acts 5:29; Obey God Rather than Men.

29 Peter and the other apostles replied:-

"We must obey God rather than men!"

This is a good verse to memorize
and use when the need arises.

If any human authority, including our government,
commands or legislates that we do something
that we know is contrary to the will of God,

We are within our God-given right
to refuse to obey such commands or laws.
But we must disobey in a non-violent way
and there may be **consequences** to pay.

Quick Test

**Do WE obey God
or obey our friends?**

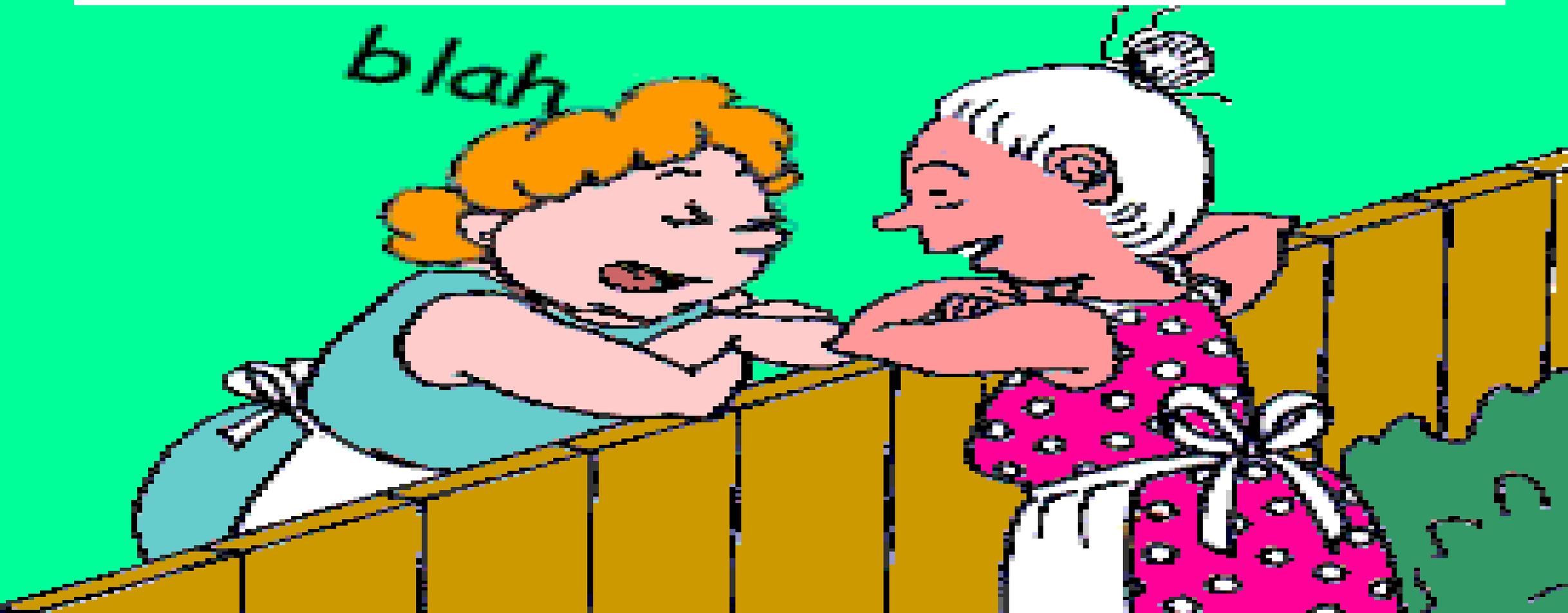


**Do WE obey God
or obey her wishes?**

Acts 5:29; Obey God Rather than Men.

**Do WE obey God
or obey them and gossip?**

Here's the latest gossip...



Acts 5:30; Whom YOU killed.

“The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.

“the body must never remain on the tree overnight.

You must bury the body that same day, for anyone hanging on a tree is cursed of God.

Do not defile the land the Lord your God is giving you as a special possession.”

Deut 21:23;

The Apostles did not shrink back from accusing these Jewish rulers of the heinous crime they had committed.

Acts 5:31; Jesus Exalted.



Acts 5:31; Jesus Exalted.

31 “God exalted Him to His own right hand as Leader and Saviour that He might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.”

The Apostles also declared that the man they cruelly had put to death was now **alive in heaven and was their **Messiah**.**



Acts 5:32; “We are **witnesses** of these things, and **so is the Holy Spirit**, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Acts 5:32; We are witnesses.

The Apostles claim to have been **witnesses** of the resurrection and ascension of Jesus and of the message of salvation He had given them.

The Holy Spirit has **witnessed everything** that has ever happened anywhere.

So in what sense is **He a witness** in this **context**?

He is bearing His testimony by **backing up the apostles' word by empowering them to perform miraculous signs to serve as divine confirmation of their testimony.**

(Mark 16:15-20; Heb 2:1-4;)

Acts 5:32; Obey God Rather than Men.

The Apostles say here that the Holy Spirit Has been given to those who obeyed Jesus.

“he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their unbelief ,their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him after he had risen.

**15. And then he told them,
"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Mark 16:14-15;**

Here Jesus challenges the Apostles to Believe in His resurrection and Obey His command to Go Teach the world.

Acts 5:25-42; Obey God Rather than Men.

Jesus has already promised them **the Holy Spirit** would come to them with power. **Part of this Power is to enable them to perform miraculous signs to confirm the message that they preach. Mark 16:17-18;**

**So in the context of Acts 5:32;
The Apostles are claiming
that **Jesus kept His word**
and **the Holy Spirit confirmed their message**
with miraculous signs.**

Acts 5:32; “We are witnesses of these things,
and so is the Holy Spirit,
whom God has given to those who obey him.”



Acts 5:32; Obey God Rather than Men.

Another option could be that the Apostles are referring to **the indwelling Holy Spirit** whom all receive **when they obey Jesus command** and are baptised into a relationship with Jesus when their sins are forgiven. Acts 2:38-39;

If you have been properly **immersed for the forgiveness of your sins** thus allowing the **blood of Jesus to cleanse you from sin** then **you have the Holy Spirit living in you.**

Perhaps both options are included in this text?

**Acts 5:33; “When they heard this,
they were furious
and wanted to put them to death.**

Jealousy turns to blind rage. v.33

Reason and caution abandoned in their anger.

'ENRAGED'.R.S.V. 'CUT TO THE HEART.' A.V.

Stronger phrase than Acts 2:37 (katenygesan). agitated with rage and indignation. **Same as Acts 7:54;** (dieprionto)

The word used describes
the **ACTION OF A SAW** a **lacerating pain**
MORE than in Acts 2:37; stabbed or **CUT**
THIS did not lead to repentance, as at Pentecost,
but to **MURDEROUS HATRED.**

Acts 5:34-40; Gamaliel Intervenes.

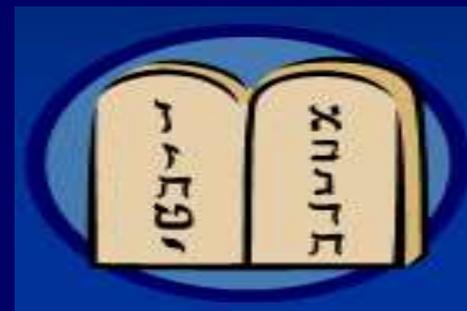


Acts 5:33-40; Gamaliel Intervenes.

34 “But a **Pharisee named Gamaliel**, a teacher of the law, who was honoured by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.”

During the first century there were two opposing Pharsaic schools of thought, the School of **Shammai** and the School of **Hillel**.

Gamliel was the grandson of Hillel
One of the commentators of the Mishnah.



Acts 5:34-40; Gamaliel Intervenes.

Gamaliel was one of the most **famous** teachers of the law in the first-century Jewish world.

He was the head professor in what we might call the Jewish School of Theology in Israel.

When **Paul** listed his qualifications as a teacher and apostle he said he had “Under **Gamaliel** been **thoroughly trained in the law.**” (Acts 22:3;)

Representation of Gamaliel on Old Hebrew Manuscript.



Acts 5:35-37; Gamaliel Intervenes.

35 Then he addressed them:-

"Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.

“Some time ago there was that fellow Theudas, who pretended to be someone great. About four hundred others joined him, but he was killed, and his followers went their various ways. The whole movement came to nothing.”

37 “After him, at the time of the Census, came Judas, the Galilaean, and was the leader in a revolt. He too perished, and all his followers were scattered.”

**Acts 5:38; Gamaliel Intervenes.
But still they stone Stephen.**



Acts 5:38; Gamaliel Intervenes.

“Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. 39 But **if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men;** you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Not long after this advice was accepted, the **Jewish leaders** had second thoughts, rejected it and again **tried to wipe out the new movement.**

They had **Stephen** stoned to death (Acts 7;) and approved the killing of **James**, brother of John with the sword. (Acts 12;)

Why did Gamliel decide to let the apostles go?.

Josephus – Antiquities of the Jews 13.10.6 –
“So the Pharisees made answer, that he deserved stripes and bonds; but that it did not seem right to punish reproaches with death; and indeed the Pharisees, even upon other occasions, are not apt to be severe in punishments.”



Acts 5:38; Gamaliel Intervenes.

Did Gamaliel believe that apostles were of God?

KJV Key Word Study Bible comments –

In the Greek NT there are two different words that begin the conditional clauses in these two verses.

Each one gives a distinctly different meaning to the clause it begins, but in English both words are translated “if.” As a result, much of the meaning is lost to the English reader.



Acts 5:38; Gamaliel Intervenes.

Did Gamaliel believe that apostles were of God?

In verse thirty-eight, the clause, “**for if this counsel or this work be of men,**” is introduced by the Greek word *ean* (1437), which signifies that Gamaliel thought that it was only a possibility that it was the work of the men.

In verse thirty nine, however, the *ei* (1487), is used which indicates that he was **ASSUMING** that **it was of God.**



Acts 5:38; Gamaliel Intervenes.

Gamaliel did not say that he believed the Apostles were speaking the truth or serving the will of God.

His advice was that the Jewish rulers should not be the ones to kill them.

If they became a rebellious faction among the Jewish people the Romans would take care of them as they had the leaders of the insurgencies he mentioned.

They had all been killed by the Romans.



Acts 5:37-39; Gamaliel Intervenes.



Acts 5:34-40; Gamaliel Intervenes.

Gamaliel's wise advice regarding dealing with the apostles is heeded for now.

Even today, there are many false teachings which persist.

We must always stand ready to declare the truth, challenging the false teachings of men.

Acts 5:40; Apostles Flogged.



Acts 5:40; Apostles Flogged.

Gamaliel's words persuaded the Sanhedrin to let them go. But before they did, they had the Apostles flogged or whipped.

**This was probably the whip lashes prescribed by the law for minor infractions of law.
(Deuteronomy 25:1-3;)**

**They were not to exceed forty lashes.
The punishment was for not obeying the order to stop speaking about Jesus.**

Acts 5:40; Apostles Flogged.

Flogging was a very severe punishment. Floggings by the Jews were limited to 40 lashes. Floggings were said to generally have been done with a “**cat of 9 tails**” that is **a whip with 9 strands**.

In the end of each strand would be a bone or nail or stone. The resulting lashes would tear the skin off of the person being flogged and leave their backs a bloody mess.

People sometimes **died** from the floggings.

Acts 5:41-42; “proclaiming the good news .”



Acts 5:41-42; “Counted Worthy of Suffering.”

41 “The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.”

42 “Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.”

teaching (didasko) and preaching (euangelizo).
Roper: gospelizing. (210)

Acts 5:41-42; “Counted Worthy of Suffering.”



Acts 5:41-42; “Counted Worthy of Suffering.”

**What accounted for the incredible change
in the bravery of the Apostles
compared with the time of the crucifixion?**

**Why were the Apostles rejoicing because
they had been stripped, beaten and disgraced?**

**Remember, God has promised that
“He will not allow us to be tested (tempted)
beyond our ability to endure.” (1 Cor 10:13;)**

**They felt that if God had not thought they could
endure such persecution He would not have
allowed it. He trusted them to bear up faithfully
and not break down or give up.**

They were worthy. They had passed God’s test.

Acts 5:41-42; “Went on their way rejoicing.”

Coping with Persecution viewed vertically,
not horizontally.

Rom. 12:18; “If it is possible, as far
as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.

19 Do not take revenge, my friends,
but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written:
“It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.”

20 On the contrary: “If your enemy is hungry,
feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something
to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals
on his head.” **21 Do not be overcome by evil,
but overcome evil with good.”**

Acts 5:41-42; “Went on their way rejoicing.”

They rejoiced because they counted themselves **worthy to suffer for Jesus’ Name’s sake.**

In what ways might we suffer as a Christian today?

“In fact, **everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted.**” 2 Tim 3:12.**

**Loosing relationships with friends or family,
Talked about, Lose our job
because we are Christians,
We’re really blessed!**

Acts 5:41-42; “Went on their way rejoicing.”

**“If you are insulted because of the name of Christ,
you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory
and of God rests on you.”**

**“If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer
or thief or any other kind of criminal,
or even as a meddler.”**

**“However, if you suffer as a Christian,
do not be ashamed, but praise God
that you bear that name.” 1 Peter 4:14-16;**

Acts 5:41-42; “Went on their way rejoicing.”

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you **because of me.”**

“Rejoice and be glad,** because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

Matthew 5:10-12;

Acts 5:41-42; “Went on their way rejoicing.”

**“Consider it pure joy, my brothers,
whenever you face trials of many kinds.”**

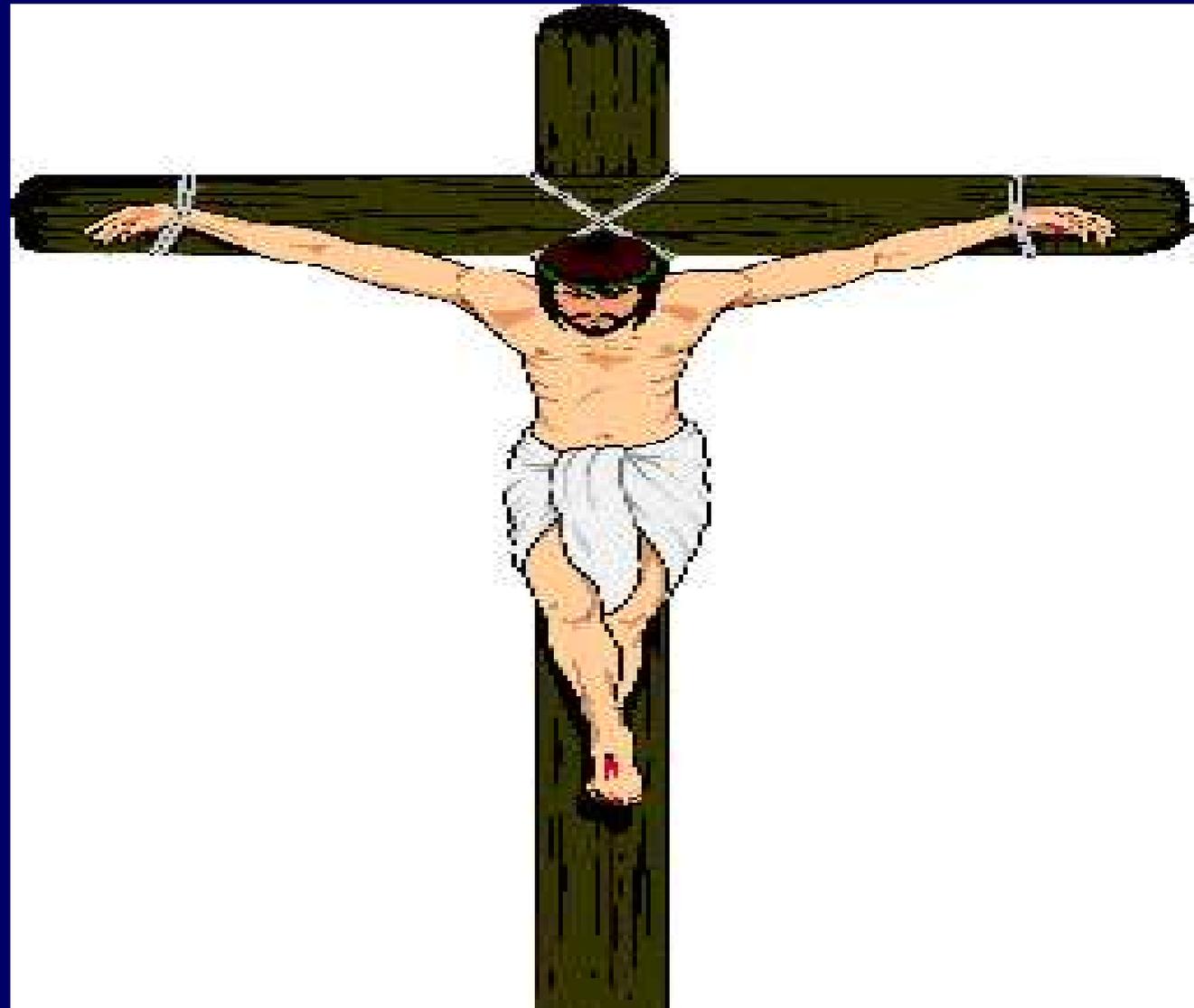
James 1:1-2;

**“Because you know that the testing of your faith
develops perseverance. Perseverance
must finish its work so that you may be mature
and complete, not lacking anything”.**

James 1:3-4;



**We preach
Christ crucified!
Yet Raised
With POWER!**



**“Jesus Christ our Lord
was shown to be
the Son of God
when God powerfully
raised Him from
the dead by means
of the Holy Spirit.”
Rom 1:4;**

Acts 5:-42; “The Messiah you are looking for is Jesus.”

The Apostles devoted all their time and energy to preaching the gospel and teaching the converts in the temple courts and in private homes.

In the early days of the church the Apostles had a unique ministry. They taught with Christ’s authority and had the miraculous power and inspired guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 4:32-5:42; Key Points.

The deception of Ananias and Sapphira.

**Miracles were used to confirm
the words of the apostles.**

**The angel of the Lord
delivered the apostles from prison.**

**Gamaliel's wise advice regarding
dealing with the apostles.**

The people of God Envisioned by the prophets!



Acts 5:-42; “The Messiah you are looking for is Jesus.”

Whatever happens we must obey God.

The infant assembly has weathered its first **“firestorm” of persecution**. The evidence of God’s power and control is clearly seen in the events that are happening daily.

The fledgling people of God that had such **a small beginning** is now well on its way to becoming the world-wide multicultural organism that had been **envisioned in the prophetic writings**.

A WAY OF ESCAPE!



A Way of Escape by Ellis Jones

**From temptation, God has promised,
An escape to provide,
For all His faithful children,
Who in His word abide.**

**He has a plan and purpose
That comes with your calling.
And He wants to guide your steps
And keep you from falling.**

GOD'S GUIDING HAND!



GOD'S GIVES STRENGTH TO OVERCOME!



**No temptation comes to you
That others have not known.
God gives strength to endure
To those who are His own.**

**From within a person's heart,*
His own temptations come.
All of them we should resist,
But we all fall for some.**

The Bible heart is the emotional mind!





**The blood of Jesus cleanses us
When we repent and obey
So we won't be rejected
On God's Great Judgment Day.**

Acts 5:17; to 5:42;

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Division & Discrimination.**

A silhouette of a person stands on the deck of a boat, looking out at a vibrant sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The boat's railing and a large canopy are visible in the foreground.

The End