

“The Apostle are Freed to Preach”

Acts 5:22-32

Study 12

Thought of Our Passage:

“On discovering an empty prison; the high priest is perplexed and concerned, but the apostle preach the gospel anyway.”

Verses 22-24 **The Empty Prison**

Verses 25-28 **The Priest are Perplexed**

Verses 29-32 **The Gospel is Preached**

Verses 22-24 **The Empty Prison**

Verse 22 *“But when the officers came and did not find them in prison”
“They returned and reported”*

Verse 23 *“Saying, “Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside the door”
“But when we opened them, we found no one inside!”*

Matthew 28:2-6

God sent an angel to open the doors of the prison, just like He did when He sent the angel to roll away the stone of the tomb of Jesus

Luke 24:2-4

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Verse 24 *“Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priest heard these things,”*

The Pharisees were the main opposition to the ministry of Jesus and instigated His death, and now it is the Sadducees who are the greater opposition of the church.

Notice how a similar thing happened with the guards in Jesus’ day, so this must have had a de ja vu feeling for the high priest and the elders of the temple.

Matthew 28:11-14

“They wondered what the outcome would be.”

Proverbs 21:29-30 “A wicked man hardens his face, but as for the upright, he establishes his way. There is no wisdom or understanding or counsel against the LORD.”

Verses 25-28 **The Priest are Perplexed**

- **Perplex:** of something complicated or unaccountable cause (someone) to feel completely baffled.

Verse 25 *“So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple”*

The apostles obeyed what the angel had told them to do, "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people, all the words of this life."

"And teaching the people"

1Corinthians 12:28

The bible emphasizes the point that the word of God is to be taught, therefore, we need people to study the bible and then be willing to teach what they have learned to others.

2Timothy 2:15

The key to this verse is the term "Rightly dividing" the word. The bible teacher must do diligent in their study in order to arrive at the correct interpretation of scripture.

James 3:1-2

- **Stumble** (4417) fall, offend, stumble

This word stumble means to offend, when we teach and when we preach, we will run the risk of offending someone?

2Corinthians 2:15-16

Are our words pleasant to those who need to hear from the Lord or are we offensive and pushing people away?

Verse 26 *"Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence"*

- **Violence** (970) by force
"For they feared the people, lest they should be stoned."
- **Feared** (5399) frighten, exceedingly afraid
- **Stoned** (30340) to throw stones until death (lapidate)

These men fear public opinion, and they feared for their lives, they feared that they could jeopardize their position with the people.

Verse 27 *"And when they had brought them, they set them before the council,"
"And the high priest asked them,"*

Mark 13:11

Verse 28 *"Saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name?"*

Acts 4:17-18

"And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine,"

- **Doctrine** (1322) instruction, teaching
"And intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

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Verses 29-32

The Gospel is Preached

Verse 29 *"But Peter and the other apostles answered and said"*

1Peter 3:15 *"We ought to obey God rather than men."*

God tells us to obey the authorities, however if they go against God's rules, we are to obey God, rather than men.

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Verse 30 *"The God of our fathers **raised up Jesus whom you murdered** by hanging on a tree."*

John 10:18

Acts 2:24;32

Is this a contradiction? Or Is Jesus God, Himself?

John 1:1-3

Jesus is the Word, Jesus is with God and Jesus is God, and Jesus created all things in all of creation.

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Verse 31 ***“Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior”***

Hebrews 8:1

Colossians 3:1-2

“To give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins”

Acts 2:38

Verse 32 ***“And we are His witnesses to these things”***

Acts 1:8

“And so, also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

John 14:26

God desires obedience rather than sacrifice!

1Samuel 15:22

Application

- ***We ought to obey God rather than men***
- ***Raised up Jesus from the dead***
- ***God has exalted Jesus to His right hand***
- ***The Lord requires repentance and forgives sins***
- ***the Holy Spirit is given to all those who obey the Lord***