

THE APOSTLES WERE BEATEN FOR THE NAME OF CHRIST

(Acts 5:26-42)

I. THE INFANCY AND THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (3-7)

A. The Hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira within the Church (5:1-11)

B. The Early Church Pattern for Evangelism (5:12-16)

C. The Apostles Arrested by the Sanhedrin (5:17-25)

D. The Apostles Tried and Beaten by the Sanhedrin (5:26-42)

1. Out of _____ for the large crowds, the captain of the temple guard brought the apostles _____ before the Sanhedrin where they were charged. (vv. 26-28)
 - a. “Did we not strictly _____ you _____ to teach in this name?”
 - b. “...you have _____ Jerusalem with your _____, and intend to bring this Man's blood _____ us!”

2. In unanimous agreement, Peter and the other apostles boldly stated, “We ought to obey _____ rather than _____. (v. 29)

3. The apostles then leveled their own charge against the Sanhedrin, “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom _____ by hanging on a tree.” (v. 30)

4. The apostles gave testimony as to why they were witnesses of Jesus (v. 31) ...
 - a. Jesus has been _____ to the right hand of the Almighty God
 - b. He is the _____
 - c. Jesus is the _____
 - d. He is the One who will give an opportunity for _____ and _____

* What does it mean, “so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”
(v. 32)

* Can there be serious consequences in taking a stand against the authorities who are in power?
(vv. 33, 40a)

5. The counsel of the Pharisee, Gamaliel, was to leave the apostles _____; “for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to _____; but if it is of God, you _____ overthrow it--lest you even be found to fight _____ God.” (vv. 34-39)

6. The Sanhedrin had the apostles _____ illegally, and once again they _____ them to not speak in the _____ of Jesus. (v. 40)

7. The remarkable response of the apostles was, they _____ that they were counted _____ to suffer shame for His _____. (v. 41)

8. The Sanhedrin’s threats were completely ignored: these believers did _____ stop _____ and _____ in the temple or in private homes that Jesus was the Messiah. (v. 42)

* What will you do if evangelizing for Christ or attending church is made illegal?