



The
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OF THE APOSTLES



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 5:27-42



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³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing.



³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered.³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.



⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.



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- Luke and Acts started as **one Book** encouraging Theophilus on the Life and works of Jesus.
- Jesus **ris**es from the dead and reveals the life that Luke was talking about.
- Jesus **reveals his mission** to his disciples and provides the power to accomplish it.
- His believers are **filled with the Holy Spirit**



- The **Gospel is preached** to onlookers and God gives grace to many, who become Christians
- A **Christian Community** is formed
- Jesus begins to heal **in order to validate** he is alive and working through his people
- The work of Peter and John is **questioned by the opposition**
- The Church is **thriving**



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MATTHEW 27:24-25

24 So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.”



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ACTS 22:3

³“I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.



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