

**A Second Arrest**  
**Lesson #21**  
**Acts 5:12-42**

As the new community of believers began to grow and flourish, so too did animosity toward them. The religious leaders thought that by putting Jesus to death they would end this “so called Messiah movement.” But they were wrong!

**Jesus’ Ministry Continued - Acts 5:12-16**

1. Just as Jesus had done, his apostles now also “performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people.” Where does Luke say that the believers were meeting together? (Acts 5:12b)
  
2. How was this community of new believers viewed by the general population? (Acts 5:13)
  
3. “Nevertheless,” what was still taking place? (Acts 5:14)
  
4. As a result, what else was happening?
  - Acts 5:15
  
  
  - Acts 5:16

**Peter’s Second Arrest - Acts 5:17-42**

5. One would think everyone would be pleased with the miraculous healings that were taking place among the people. But that was not the case. Who was not pleased and why? (Acts 5:17)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Again, Peter, along with the other eleven apostles, were arrested and put in jail. What happened that night? (Acts 5:19)

7. What were they told to do? (Acts 5:20)
  
8. When daybreak came, where were the apostles and what were they doing? (Acts 5:21a)
  
9. Also arriving at daybreak were the High Priest and his associates (Sadducees). What did the High Priest do? (Acts 5:21b)
  
10. The officers went to the jail for the apostles but found it empty. What was the report they brought to the Sanhedrin? (Acts 5:22 & 23)
  
11. What was the reaction to this news? (Acts 5:24)
  
12. Although the leadership was blind to what was taking place, the people were not. Someone finally came with the news that, *"The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."* What was done next? (Acts 5:26a)
  
13. What protection did the Lord give to the apostles? (Acts 5:26b)
  
14. Again, the apostles were brought before *"the full assembly of the elders of Israel."* Who began questioning them? (Acts 5:27)
  
15. What was his opening reminder to Peter (and the rest) about the conditions of their first release? (Acts 5:28a)
  
16. What reason did he give for arresting them a second time? (Acts 5:28b)
  
17. How did Peter respond to these accusations? (Acts 5:29)

18. How did this response compare to Peter's answer the first time he stood before the Sanhedrin? (Acts 4:19)
  
19. Again, Peter boldly gave testimony "*to what they have seen and heard.*" (Acts 4:20) What were the points Peter made in his testimony?
  - Acts 5:30
  
  - Acts 5:31
  
  - Acts 5:32
  
20. Peter boldly proclaimed that the twelve apostles were the ones who were obedient to God while the high priest and the Sanhedrin were not. How did Peter's Holy Spirit empowered boldness affect these men? (Acts 5:33)
  
21. How was their response to Peter's message different from that of the people who had heard him on Pentecost? (Acts 2:36 & 37)
  
22. The time had come for one of the Pharisees, a teacher of the law who was truly following the Lord, to step forward. Using Acts 5:34:
  - What was his name?
  
  - How was he viewed among his colleagues within the Sanhedrin?
  
  - What did he do?
  
23. He stood up and addressed the assembly. What was his opening statement? (Acts 5:35)
  
24. He stated two previous cases where a charismatic leader gathered a following from among the people. The first was a man named Theudas (Thu'-dee-us). What happened to Theudas and his movement? (Acts 5:36b)

25. He also mentioned Judas, the Galilean. What did Judas do? (Acts 5:37a)
  
26. How did that turn out? (Acts 5:37b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
27. What was his advice to the men of the Sanhedrin in the apostles' case? (Acts 5:38a)
  - Why? (Acts 5:38b)
  
28. How did he end his speech? (Acts 5:39)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
29. What impact did he have upon the men of the Sanhedrin? (Acts 5:40a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
30. Calling the apostles back in, what was done and said? (Acts 5:40b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
31. What was the emotional state of the apostles as they left that day? (Acts 5:41a)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
32. How was that possible? (Acts 5:41b)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
33. Did they heed the stern warning they had received from the Sanhedrin? (Acts 5:42)