

DAY THREE

Acts 4:1-22, 5:17-29

- 1 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard* and the Sadducees came up to them,
- 2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
- 3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.
- 4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.
- 5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;
- 6 and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.
- 7 When they had placed them in the center, they *began to* inquire, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”
- 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people,
- 9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,
- 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.
- 11 “He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*.
- 12 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”
- 13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *began to* recognize them as having been with Jesus.
- 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.
- 15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they *began to* confer with one another,
- 16 saying, “What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.
- 17 “But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name.”
- 18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;
- 20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”
- 21 When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened;
- 22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

- 5:17 But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.
- 18 They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail.
- 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,
- 20 “Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life.”
- 21 Upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak and *began* to teach.
- Now** when the high priest and his associates came, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought.
- 22 But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned and reported back,
- 23 saying, “We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside.”
- 24 Now when the captain of the temple *guard* and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what would come of this.
- 25 But someone came and reported to them, “The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”
- 26 Then the captain went along with the officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence (for they were afraid of the people, that they might be stoned).
- 27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,
- 28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”
- 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

Exodus 1:15-21

- 15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah;
- 16 and he said, “When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see *them* upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”
- 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live.
- 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and let the boys live?”
- 19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife can get to them.”
- 20 So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty.
- 21 Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

DAY FOUR

Luke 10:30-37

- 30 Jesus replied and said, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead.

- 31 “And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32 “Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.
- 33 “But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion,
- 34 and came to him and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on *them*; and he put him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
- 35 “On the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I return I will repay you.’
- 36 “Which of these three do you think proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell into the robbers’ *hands*?”
- 37 And he said, “The one who showed mercy toward him.” Then Jesus said to him, “Go and do the same.”

Matthew 5:42 “Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you

DAY FIVE

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; 2:19-20; 3:11-13; 5:1-8

- 1:9 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God,
- 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.
- 2:19 For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?
- 20 For you are our glory and joy.
- 3:11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;
- 12 and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;
- 13 so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.
- 5:1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
- 3 While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.
- 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;
- 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;
- 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.
- 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.
- 8 But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.