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Acts 5:12-26

Power from God

12 The apostles did many miracles and powerful things among the people. The apostles were together in Solomon's Porch; they all had the same purpose. 13 None of the other believers dared to join the apostles, but all of the people were saying good things about them. 14 And more and more people — men and women — were added to the group of those who believed in the Lord Jesus. 15 People began to bring their sick people into the streets. They put their sick people on little beds and mattresses for Peter's shadow to touch them when he came by. 16 They were coming from all the towns around Jerusalem. They brought their sick people and those who were bothered by evil spirits. All of these people were healed.

The Apostles Were Arrested but Rescued by God

17 The high priest and all of his friends (a sect called the Sadducees) became very jealous. 18 They grabbed the apostles and put them in the public jail, 19 but, during the night, an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail. The angel led the apostles outside and said, 20 "Go and stand in the temple courtyard. Tell the people everything about this new life in Jesus." 21 When the apostles heard this, they went into the temple courtyard. It was early in the morning. The apostles began to teach the people.

The high priest and his friends came together. They called a meeting of the Jewish leaders and all the important older men of the sons of Israel. They sent some men to the jail to bring the apostles to them. 22 When the guards came to the jail, they couldn't find the apostles there. So, they went back and told this to the Jewish leaders. 23 They said, "The jail was shut and locked. The guards were standing at the gates, but when we opened the doors, no one was in there!" 24 The captain of the temple guards and the most important priests heard this. They were confused. They wondered, "What will happen because of this?" 25 Then another man came and told them, "Listen! The men you had put in jail are standing in the temple courtyard. They are teaching the people!" 26 Then the captain and his men went out and brought the apostles back. However, the soldiers did not use force, because they were afraid of the people. The people might become angry and kill the soldiers with stones.