

## **EPISODE NO. 302**

### **Acts 5:33-42**

#### **The Apostles Were Persecuted**

33 When the Jewish leaders heard these words, they became very angry. They started to make plans to kill the apostles. 34 One of the Pharisees in the Jewish Council stood up. His name was Gamaliel. He was a teacher of the law, and all of the people respected him. He ordered the men to take the apostles outside for a few minutes. 35 Then he said to the Jewish leaders, “Men of Israel, be careful of what you are about to do to these men! 36 Remember when Theudas appeared? He claimed that he was an important man. About 400 men joined him, but he was killed. And all of the men who followed him were scattered. They were never able to do anything. 37 Later, a man named Judas came from Galilee. It was at the time of the registration. He also led a group of followers away but he was destroyed and all his followers were scattered. 38 So now I tell you: Stay away from these men! Leave them alone. If this plan or this effort comes from human beings, it will fail. 39 But if this is from God, then you will not be able to stop them. You might even be fighting against God Himself!”

40 The Jewish leaders then agreed with what Gamaliel said. They called in the apostles again. They whipped the apostles and commanded them not to talk to the people ever again about the name of Jesus. After that, they let them go free. 41 The apostles left the Jewish Council, but they were happy, because they were given the honor of suffering dishonor for the name of Jesus. 42 The apostles didn't stop teaching people. They kept on telling the people the Good News that Jesus is the Messiah. Every day they did this in the temple courtyard and in each home.