

Acts 5:12-6:7

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 12-21-16

Context

- I. Introduction
 - A. Introduction to Luke (Luke 1:1-4)
 - B. Introduction to Acts (Acts 1:1-5)
- II. In Jerusalem (1:6-6:7)
 - A. Waiting for Pentecost (1:6-26)
 - B. The Day of Pentecost (2:1-47)
 - C. The outbreak of persecution (3:1-4:31)
 - D. Satanic counter-attack (4:32-6:7)**

The Apostles Heal Many People - Acts 5:12-16

Miracles had 2 interesting, opposite results - vv. 13 & 14

- The presence of the Living God _____ some away, while others are _____ to it. (Cf. Luke 12:51-53; John 15:18-21)
- V. 15 - superstition or something akin to Luke 8?
 - ἐπισκιάση (*episkiase*) - to "overshadow" - describes the _____ of God (cf. Luke 1:35; 9:34)
- V. 16 - Frames the context - held in high esteem > numbers being added > people being healed
- V. 17 - "but..."

The Sanhedrin Intensifies Its Opposition - 5:17-39

V. 17 - "...filled with jealousy" and compelled to take further action:

- Imprisonment of "the apostles" (vv. 18-25)
 - The "angel of the Lord"'s (v. 19) contradictory command (v. 20)
 - Religious leaders embarrassed (v. 22-25; cf. 4:14)
- Trial (vv. 26-39)
 - V. 29 - Not _____ themselves, but lift up _____.
 - Principle of _____
 - 3 truths:
 - V. 30 - God _____ Jesus
 - V. 31a - God _____ Jesus
 - V. 32 - God has given the _____
 - "cut them to the quick" (v. 33) - anger!
 - Gamaliel: Pharisee, teacher of the Law, respected
 - Counseled caution, citing 2 examples: Theudas and Judas the Galilean
 - Appeared > made claims > won following
 - Died > followers scattered > movements ended
 - Gamaliel's axiom: Let them be.
- Sentencing (vv. 40-42)
 - V. 40 - flogged, silenced, released
 - Apostles' response!
 - V. 42 - _____ the command
 - V. 41 - _____ in suffering (cf. Luke 6:22-23; Matthew 16:26)

The Seven Are Chosen and Commissioned - 6:1-7

V. 1 - The Problem

- The importance of widows to God
- 2 rival groups:
 - Hellenistic Jews: diaspora, Greek language and culture
 - Native Hebrews: from Palestine; spoke Aramaic, immersed in Hebrew culture
- Bigger problem: Apostolic _____ with social administration

Vv. 2-6 - The Solution

- Shared burden
- A question of _____ and _____

The principles:

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V. 7 - The result