

The Witness to Saving Power

Acts 5:25 Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." 26 At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. 27 Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! 30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lessons We Will Learn in this Series:

1. The disciples were _____ to the amazing power of God. And through the Scriptures, we are witnesses _____.
2. What you _____ is what you believe. Everything else is religious _____.

The Problem with the Jewish Leaders:

- They were filled with so much _____ that they wouldn't call _____ by name.
Acts 5:28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
- They were so _____, they didn't ask about the _____.
Acts 5:23 "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."
- They were _____ because their orders hadn't been followed.
Acts 5:28 "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," . . . (The Command we Commanded)
- They were _____ of the effectiveness of the Apostles.
Acts 5:28 . . . "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching . . ."
- They were _____ concerning their own guilt.
Acts 5:28 . . . "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."
Matt. 27:25 All the people answered, "Let his blood be on us and on our children!"

The Witness of the Apostles:

1. Their _____: God _____ was their authority.
Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"
Acts 4:19 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God."
2. Their _____: The God of _____ fathers raised Jesus from the _____. (The Apostles were worshiping the same God!)
Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead . . .
3. Their _____: You _____ Him!
Acts 5:30 . . . — whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree.
 - The word killed is "diacheirizo" — to _____
 - The word "_____ " is not used in Acts.
4. Their JOY: God _____ Him!
Acts 5:31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.
 - Jesus is _____! (Really the word "_____")
Acts 3:15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.
John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
 - Jesus is _____! (The Author of Life _____)
Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.
5. Their _____: Repentance and forgiveness in _____.
Acts 5:31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.
6. Their _____: There are enough witnesses to _____ this.
Acts 5:32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."
Deut. 19:15 One witness is not enough to convict a man accused of any crime or offense he may have committed. A matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.
John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me."
7. Their _____: The Holy Spirit is given to those who _____.

As We've Learned Before . . .

- Saving Power provides _____!
- How are _____ in the area of boldness?