

GO, TELL THE FULL MESSAGE

Acts 5:1-42

Key verse: 5:20

1. Read verses 1-2. What did Ananias and Sapphira conspire together to do? Why did they do this? Read verse 3-4. What was the sin they committed?
2. Read verses 5-11. How did Ananias react when he was accused by Peter? What happened to his wife three hours later? How did the church respond to the deaths of these two? (Read verses 5 and 11) What does this show about the spiritual life of the church?
3. Read verses 12-16. How did God bless the life and ministry of the apostles and the church when the people feared God and did not fall into humanistic thinking?(13-14) What can we learn from this event about God's love and truth?
4. Read verses 17-21a. Why did the high priest (who were Sadducees) have the apostles arrested?(17-18) How did God work that night? Why did he send them back to the very place where they had been arrested? What did they do?
5. Read verses 21b-26. What happened the next morning when the high priests found them missing—and back in the temple? Why did the soldiers not use force when they re-arrested them?
6. Read verses 27-28. What did the Sanhedrin say that tells us about the apostles' work? How did they respond to the Sanhedrin's rebuke? Read 29-32. How did they extend to the enemies of Jesus the way of life?
7. Read verses 33-40. Who was Gamaliel and how did he rescue the apostles? What was the conclusion of the trial? (40)
8. Read verses 41-42. Why did the apostles rejoice after being flogged? What did they do? What is the essence of the good news? What does it mean that Jesus is the Christ?