



DIGGING DEEPER

Acts 5v12-42 – **Under Attack – Persecution**

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GETTING STARTED

Talk about how Satan's tactics change through chapter 4 and 5...

1) ANGEL – MIRACULOUS INTERVENTION (V12-25)

Discuss briefly the unique role of the apostles – use v12-16 as your starting point...

How does the response of the people in v13 fit with this understanding?

How do the religious leaders respond to what's going on – both in their hearts and their actions?

Why is the intervention of the angel so important? What does it tell us about the religious leaders and what does it tell us about God? See especially v25...

Should we expect God to intervene in similar ways today? See also Hebrews 1v14...

2) APOSTLES – COURAGEOUS WITNESS (26-33)

What do you make of the high priest's opening statement in v28?

What do you make of the apostles, response and how do we apply that today?

What's the difference between this court case and the first? What should this alert us to?

3) GAMALIEL – SURPRISING SPEECH (34-42)

Why do you think Gamaliel did what he did?

Is the conclusion he comes to in v38-39 a valid one?

Chat about the response of the apostles in v41-42

What might it look like for you to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus?

Meditate on the words below...

V41: The apostles left the Sanhedrin, **rejoicing** because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.