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# MISSION UNSTOPPABLE

Acts 5v12-42

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# Under attack...

- 1) **Corruption** – Acts 4v32 – 5v11
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# Under attack – Persecution

- **Angel** – Miraculous Intervention (v12-25)
- **Apostles** – Courageous Witness (v25-33)
- **Gamaliel** – Surprising Speech (34-42)

# 1) Angel – Miraculous Intervention

**V12-13:** The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup> No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.

# 1) Angel – Miraculous Intervention

**V15-16:** As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. <sup>16</sup> Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

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**V18:** They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

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**V20:** “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”

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**V21:** When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

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**V22-24:** But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, <sup>23</sup> “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.” <sup>24</sup> On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

# 1) Angel – Miraculous Intervention

**V25:** Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.”

## 2) Apostles – Courageous Witness

**V26:** 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.



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V28: “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.”



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**V33:** When they heard this, they were  
furious and wanted to put them to death.





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**V34-35:** But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup> Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.

### 3) Gamaliel – Surprising Speech



**V36-37:** Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing. <sup>37</sup> After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.

### 3) Gamaliel – Surprising Speech



**V38-39:** Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. <sup>39</sup> But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

### 3) Gamaliel – Surprising Speech



V40: His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

### 3) Gamaliel – Surprising Speech



**V41-42:** The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. <sup>42</sup> Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

What might it look like to suffer disgrace  
for his name?

