

At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. 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. But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."

On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." 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.

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "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." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.



They Were Perplexed but not Persuaded

you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching
The Doctrine was Considered Dangerous

The Determination of the Apostles was Misunderstood

The Goal: Repentance and Forgiveness

FOLLOWERS WITH FEARLESSNESS

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Because They Followed God They Did not Fear Man

The Leaders feared the People The Followers Trusted God

we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.
Minding Their Business



GOD OF ALL GRACE that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Man's Guilt, Man's Responsibility to Respond The Bad News is Not the End of the Story

... the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Walk with the Spirit
Obedience is Essential
Avenues and Opportunities for Grace



That Kind of Courage GRACE AND COMMITMENT



Accept His Grace Follow His Guidance

Faithfully Commit to Persevere Faithfully Commit to Follow Jesus

By the Power of the Holy Spirit... "we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard"