

Acts – Birth of the Church

Are You Worthy of the Name?

Acts 5:12-42
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Introduction:

- Greek – **Nosphizo** ... (*Noss-Fee-Zo*) ... English – **Kept** ... “*To Embezzle ... To steal ... To misappropriate for personal benefit.*”
 - Biblical Stewardship applies to everything we have ... *Our Time ... Our spouse ... Our Children ... Our family and friends ... Our church family ... Our co-workers ... Our soul ... Our money.*
 - Acts 5:12-16
 - Acts 2:43
 - Acts 5:15
 - Acts 5:16
 - Two reasons to remain very cautious:
 - There are no Apostles today –
 - The Apostles never needed antics to heal –
 - Acts 5:13
 - Who are the:
 - No one else –
 - Them/They –
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1. The Arrest:

- a. Acts 5:17-18
- b. Greek – **Zelos** (*Zay-los*) ... English – **Jealousy** ... “*A greedy or prideful longing for something that belongs to another ... Even something intangible, like a skill.*”
- c. Acts 4:16
- d. 2nd Timothy 2:15
- e. Acts 5:19-20
- f. Acts 5:21-24

2. The Preaching:

- a. Acts 5:25-26
- b. John 3:1-2
- c. Acts 5:28
- d. Matthew 27:24-25



- e. **1st Peter 3:13-15**
- f. **Acts 5:29**
- g. **Acts 5:30-32**
- h. Greek – **Archegos** (*Ar-Kay-Gos*) ... English – **Prince** ... “*A person who rules or commands ... Especially understood as having primacy of authority.*”
- i. Greek – **Soter** (*So-Tear*) ... English – **Savior** ... “*The one who delivers or rescues from violence or danger ... recues from dangers of judgement.*”

3. **The Voice of Reason:**

- a. Who is Gamaliel? –
- b. **Acts 5:38-39**
- c. **Acts 5:41**
- d. What about you? ... Would you be found guilty of being a Christian in the Court of Public Opinion because the evidence of you being a Follower is overwhelming? ... **OR** ... *Would you be found innocent, because there is no evidence that you are committed to Jesus at all?*
- e. **Matthew 12:30**
- f. **Acts 5:42**