

**The Gospel  
Message Cannot  
Be Stopped**

# Background Leading Up to Acts 5:12

- Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection as well as the coming of the Holy Spirit.
- After miraculous signs, the Christians grow to over 5,000.
- Sacrificial giving takes place among the believers.
- Then Ananias and Sapphira try to receive honor by claiming they gave all their property's proceeds.

**Acts 5:12-16 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done

You may not perform miracles, but do you share the Gospel news?

in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

*Though God still performs miracles now, they were especially spectacular then.*

**2 Corinthians 12:12 (NIV2011)**

*I persevered in demonstrating among you the marks of a true apostle, including signs, wonders and miracles.*

*When you boldly follow Christ, often many who aren't Christians revere and respect you.*

**Acts 5:17-20 (NLT2)** <sup>17</sup> The high priest and his officials, who were Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But an angel of the Lord came at night, opened the gates of the jail, and brought them out. Then he told them, <sup>20</sup> "Go to the Temple and give the people this message of life!" <sup>21</sup> So at daybreak

the apostles entered the Temple, as they were told, and immediately began teaching. When the high priest and his officials arrived, they convened the high council—the full assembly of the elders of Israel. Then they sent for the apostles to be brought from the jail for trial.

*It's so sad that they were jealous of those who brought the news that could free them from sin.*

*We are not to fear when we are following God's will. The gospel must be preached.*

*The message of freedom from sin will not be jailed. God will accomplish His purpose.*

**Will you preach Christ, knowing persecution can follow?**

**Acts 5:22-25 (HCSB)** <sup>22</sup> But when the temple police got there, they did not find them in the jail, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing in front of the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" <sup>24</sup> As the commander of the temple police and the chief priests heard these things, they were baffled about them, as to what could come of this.

<sup>25</sup> Someone came and reported to them, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple complex and teaching the people."

*God's plan is always a step ahead of the enemy.*

*When we have the Lord on our side, we need **not** be intimidated. We can be obedient and let God take care of the rest.*

*God gave them clear signs that His power was operating through His apostles.*

**Where is God calling you to be obedient with the Gospel?**