

• LESSON 7 •

Acts 5:12-42 • “We Must Obey God Rather Than Men”

1. “None of the rest dared join them...” (Acts 5:13a). Why might this have been? And do people still have this reaction today?
2. Acts 5:17 tells us that “the high priest” and “all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees)” were “filled with jealousy.” Jealousy over what?
3. What lessons can we learn from Acts 5:19-21?
4. What were the men of the Jewish council saying in Acts 5:28, in your own words?
5. The response of Peter and the rest of the apostles is very straightforward: “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). What does this mean, practically speaking? In what way must we also have the same determination?
6. In what way was Jesus “exalted” by God “as Leader and Savior” (5:31)?
7. What is the ultimate aim of Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and exaltation according to Acts 5:31?
8. What does Peter want the members of this council to understand in Acts 5:32?
9. What do we learn from Gamaliel’s message to the council in Acts 5:33-39?
10. “Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name” (Acts 5:41). What does this mean?