

The Gospel is For All



Lesson 3

God Helps People Teach the Gospel

Theme: Courage — Trusting God to help us overcome Satan

Memory Verses

“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:37-38

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Acts 4:1-20
- 2 Acts 4:23-37
- 3 Acts 5:1-11, 14
- 4 Acts 5:17-32
- 5 Acts 5:33-39, 42

Preaching the gospel had great results so that the number of believers grew to about 5,000.

But Satan would not watch all this without trying to stop it. He quickly developed a plan to try to stop the gospel and its great power.

Satan Tries Hurting Believers

Satan first tried to stop the spread of the gospel through persecution. This

Acts 4:1-20

The Jewish leaders put the apostles in prison for:

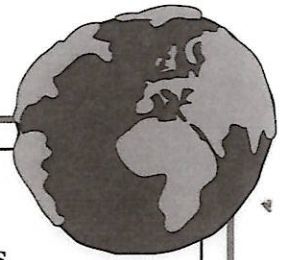
- being in the temple
- preaching about Jesus’ resurrection
- breaking out of prison

Cross out the wrong answer:

When Peter and John kept preaching, they were:

beaten given a gift put in prison warned





means to threaten or hurt people because of what they are doing. Jewish leaders first persecuted Peter and John to try to make them stop preaching about Jesus.

The leaders put Peter and John in jail overnight and brought them before the Jewish court the next day. They asked

Peter and John how they healed the man who had never walked. Peter used this opportunity to tell more people about Jesus!

The Jewish leaders told Peter and John not to preach about Jesus any more, but they kept right on preaching. This made the Jewish leaders angry, and they put all the apostles in jail. During the night, an angel released the men from jail and told them to keep preaching. The next morning, the apostles went to the temple to preach about Jesus one more time.

When morning came, the Jews discovered the apostles missing from jail and found them preaching in the temple. The leaders brought the apostles into court and wanted to know why they did not follow their orders not to preach. Peter said, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

The leaders wanted to kill the apostles right then and there. But a wise teacher named Gamaliel told them that if the apostles were doing God's work, they could not stop them even if they wanted to. The Jews didn't like it, but they knew Gamaliel was right. They beat the apostles and told them not to preach about Jesus anymore.

Acts 4:23-37

Believers met the physical needs of one another by:

- getting money from the government
- begging on the streets
- sharing



Acts 5:1-11, 14

Match the following:

Ananias and Sapphira	struck them dead
Peter	tempted them to lie
God	knew they lied
Satan	lied to the apostles

Satan Tries Tempting Believers

The first Christians pulled together and helped one another. They studied God's Word together and shared with each other.

Those who had land and other items shared with those who didn't have enough. In some cases, believers sold their land or houses and gave money to the apostles to share with believers in need.



A husband and wife named Ananias and Sapphira sold some of their property. The money they received for the property was theirs, and they could do whatever they wanted to with it. Since they were believers, Ananias and Sapphira decided to give the money to help other believers. They brought *part* of the money to the apostles and made everyone think they

Acts 5:17-32, 42

The apostles got out of jail because:

- the high priest let them out
- an angel let them out
- a guard let them out

Peter said, "We must _____ rather than _____."

gave it *all*. Secretly, they kept back some of it for themselves.

When Ananias and Sapphira lied about the money, God struck them dead. God was making it clear that following Satan was dangerous and wrong.



Acts 5:33-39

Gamaliel's advice about the apostles was to:

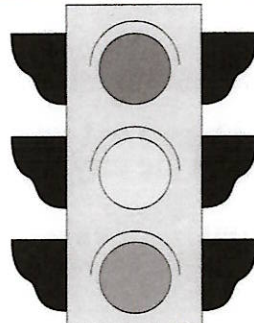
- leave them alone
- beat them
- put them in prison

Satan still tries to hurt believers and tempts them to follow his way. We must resist Satan. If we do, God promises that Satan will go away from us.

Underline two things Satan did to believers to stop the gospel:

tempted helped hurt paid

When I am caught doing wrong, I am tempted to lie.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — most of the time

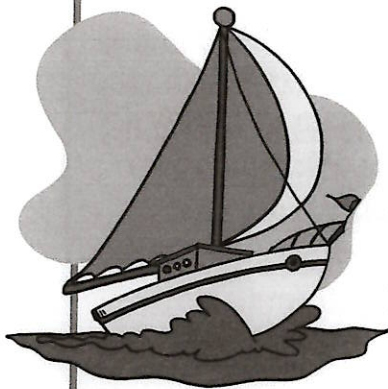
Yellow — sometimes

Green — almost never

Think About It ...

In America, we are not likely to be persecuted like Peter and John. They lost their freedom. List two bad things that might happen to us when we teach people about Jesus:

- 1.
- 2.



Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Right here, right now, write from memory Galatians 5:22-23.

Which book of the New Testament is about suffering for Jesus?

On a map inside the back cover, find the city of Caesarea Philippi.