

### The Call:

“Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.”  
Acts 5:20

### The Message:

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead...31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring (everyone) Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Acts 5:31,32

### The Persecution:

They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

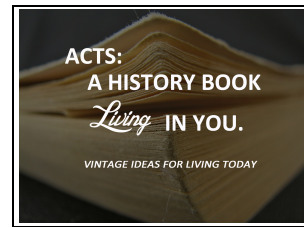
Acts 5:40

### The Response:

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name. **42** Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Acts 5:41,42

Notes:



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Part 9: Acts 5:17-42

### Why the Early Church Multiplied

### The Narrative:

Then someone came and said, “Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people.” 26 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.27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 “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.”29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.” 40...They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.  
Acts 5:25-32; 40

**Tertullian** an early church father, said,  
“*Semen est sanguis Christianorum,*”

Latin for:

“*the blood of Christians is seed.*”

When they **saw the courage of Peter and John** and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.  
Acts 4:13

## Where did they get their courage?

God exalted him to his own right hand as **Prince** and Savior.  
Acts 5:31a

**Greek word "Archegos"**- same word is found in 3 other NT passages.

You killed the **author** (archegos) of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. Acts 3:15

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the **captain** (archegos) of their salvation perfect through sufferings. Hebrews 2:10 (KJV)

...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the **pioneer** (archegos) and perfecter of faith.  
Hebrews 12:2

4 different English translations of the same Greek word.

Notes:

## Why is Jesus the Ultimate Hero?

1. Those closest to Him marveled at His \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home."  
Matthew 13:57

And yet from those who knew Him best:  
We are witnesses..... Acts 5:32

2. Jesus relinquished His \_\_\_\_\_.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted** in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.  
Hebrews 4:15

3. He is the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_.

"Do you refuse to speak to me?" Pilate said. "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.  
John 19:10,11

"Put your sword back in its place," Jesus said to him, "for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. 53 Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? 54 But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?"  
Matthew 26:52-54