

"NOT TO SEND PEACE, BUT A SWORD"

Acts 5:17-28, Matt. 10:16-34-36

Introduction:

- A. Most people view christianity as a peace making institution.
 - 1) Many display the dove as a sign of peace
 - 2) The "dove" descended on Jesus

- B. Jesus taught His disciples the trauma that true christianity would create Matt. 10:16
 - 1) This trauma is created by confessing that Jesus Christ is the Son of God
 - 2) Mediocrity, sterile involvement, half-heartedness, religious persuasion, will not do.
 - 3) Jesus prepared His church for the hour in which they now find themselves.

I. The Teaching of Jesus Created Mental Turmoil Vs. 17

- A. "Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducee's) and were filled with indignation".
 - 1) "filled" = pimplemi = "to fill", "fill up"
 - 2) "indignation" = thumos = "The passions of the mind, especially it's turbulent commotions",

B. The mind of man is stirred to passion as to the claims of Bible truth. Vs. 18

- 1) "laid" = epebalon = "to place upon"
- 2) "common" = demosios = "belonging to the common people", "the state", "public".
- 3) "prison" = ternsis = "a watching", "keeping an eye upon", "a place of guarding". It had doors!

II. The Determination of God Vs. 19, 20

A. An angel let them out Vs. 19

- 1) "opened" = anoigo = "to open", "stand open"
- 2) "brought" = exago = "to lead out"

B. An angel sent them back Vs. 20

- 1) "Go, stand and speak"
- 2) "All the words of this life"
- 3) "Go and continue to instruct the people concerning the truths of this way of living life".

III. The Obedience of the Apostles Vs. 21a

A. "And when they heard that they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught".

- 1) "early" = orthros = "dawn", "early morning"
- 2) "entered" = eiserchomai = "to come or go into"
- 3) "taught" = didasko = "to give instruction".

B. God called them back to the battle.

- 1) Why not rest for awhile?
- 2) This is a crucial time and test.

IV. The Sadduces Wondered What Would Happen Next Vs. 21b - 24

A. The council met together

- 1) the "senate" met with them.
- 2) The prisoners were gone.
- 3) The doors were, "shut tight".

B. They were perplexed Vs. 24

- 1) "They doubted of them whereunto this would grow."
- 2) "They were completely mystified at the Apostles disappearance and wondered what further developments there would be".

V. The Accusation of the Council Vs. 25-28

A. The non-violent arrest.

- 1) The informant Vs. 25 - Vs. 20
- 2) The arrest Vs. 26
- 3) The questioning Vs. 27

B. The bone of contention Vs. 28a

- 1) You have disobeyed us.
- 2) You have seceded Vs. 28b

C. The fear of the council

- 1) "intend to bring this man's blood upon us".
- 2) "intend" = boulomai = "to be willing", "the inward predisposition and wish".

D. The questioning of motive.

- 1) "And you want us to be punished for killing this man".
- 2) The Roman government would sorely punish those leaders that allowed any hint of insurrection.
- 3) When all else fails, question motive.

