



Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for July 4, 2021

Acts Ch 5 – Jerusalem...Purity & Evangelism in the Church

Calendar moving forward

- *July 4, 2021, Acts Ch 5– Purity of the Church*
- *Each week following... we will average a chapter a week until we finish the book*
- *I will be recording and placing slides on the website for those who can't make it each week I teach*

Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

Acts Ch 4:36-37 ...Comparison to be made

³⁶ Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”),

³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

What we know: discuss

What is interesting

Numbers 18:20

²⁰ The LORD said to Aaron, “**You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites**”

Acts Ch 5:1-5 Ananias and Sapphira

*5 Now (or But) a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, **also** sold a piece of property.*

*2 With his **wife's full knowledge he (surreptitiously) kept back part of the money for himself but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.***

3 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

*4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? **You have not lied just to human beings but to God."***

Acts 5:5-7. Peters' rebuke

⁵ When Ananias heard this, *he fell down and died. **And great fear seized all who heard what had happened.***

⁶ Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.

⁷ About **three hours later** his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

⁸ Peter asked her, *“Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?”*

*“Yes,” she said, **“that is the price.”***

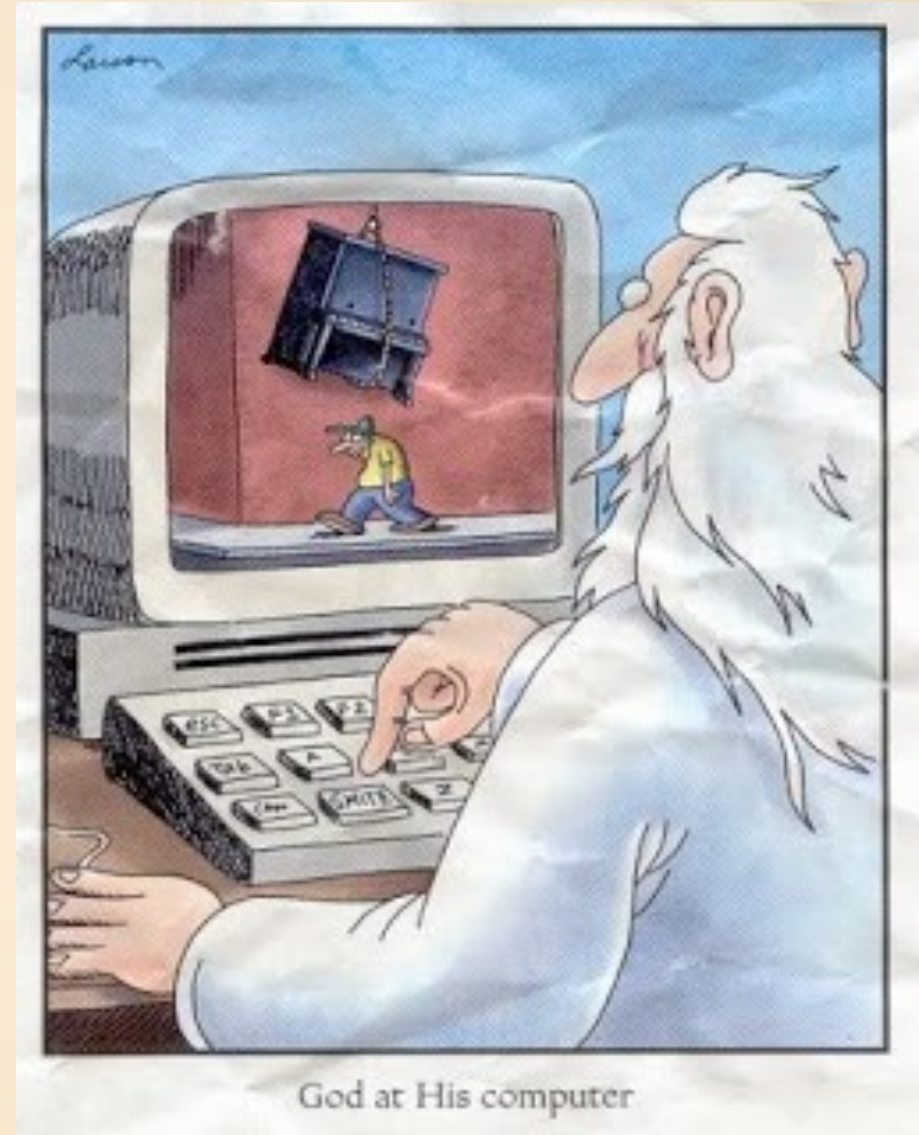
⁹ Peter said to her, *“How could you conspire to test the Spirit of the Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out also.”*

¹⁰ *At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.*

¹¹ **Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events**

What happened to them?

- Commentaries differ
- Heart attack or overcome with despair
- God struck them dead?
- Popular culture weighs in on the side of God Smiting them.
- Biblical judgment or God's wrath?
- ***Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events***



Greek words that describe this event

*'Hypocrite' comes from the Greek word '**hypokrites**', which means "**an actor.**"*



We sometimes consider it mask wearing, so that we appear to some as we are in-character, and when we flip the Mask we appear totally different...an actor in a Play

Acts Ch 5:12-16 *The pattern for Evangelism*

¹² *The apostles performed **many signs and wonders among the people**. And all the believers used to **meet together in Solomon's Colonnade**.*

¹³ ***No one else dared join them**, even though they were highly regarded by the people.*

¹⁴ *Nevertheless, **more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number**.*

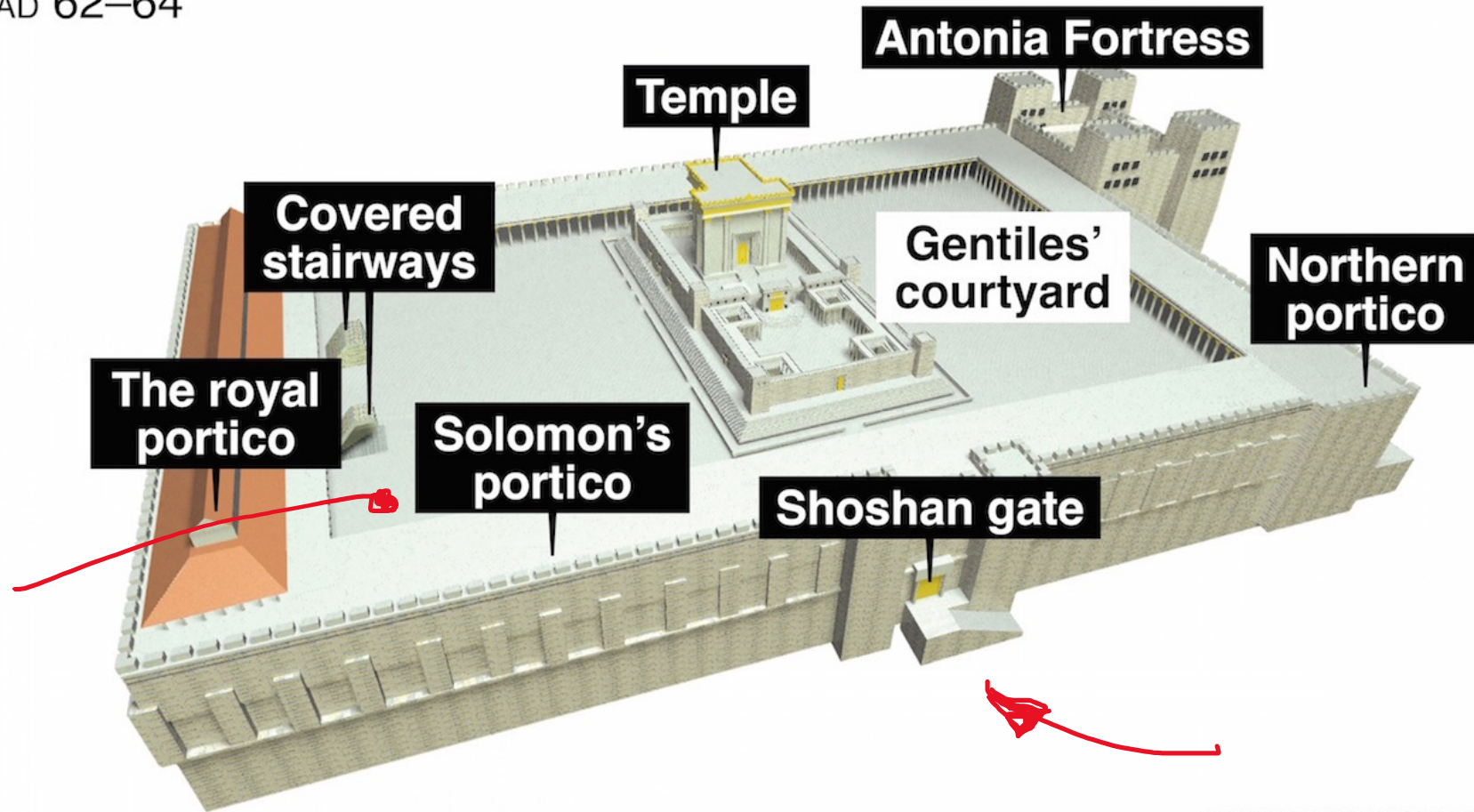
¹⁵ *As a result, people **brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by**.*

¹⁶ *Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and **all of them were healed***

Where the action was...

Herod's Temple on the Temple Mount

Circa AD 62–64



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17 Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.

18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.

19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.

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

Acts Ch 5:21-26. So, what do they do?

21 At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

22 But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So, they went back and reported,

23 “We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside.”

24 On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

25 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.

Acts Ch 5:27-32 Confrontation

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.**”*

Acts Ch 5:33-39 *Wise counsel finally*

*³³ When they heard this, they were **furious and wanted to put them to death.***

*³⁴ But a **Pharisee named Gamaliel**, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and **ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.***

*³⁵ Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: **“Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.***

*³⁶ Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. **He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.***

*³⁷ After him, **Judas the Galilean** appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. **He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.***

*³⁸ Therefore, in the present case I advise you: **Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.***

³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

⁴⁰ His speech persuaded them. 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.

⁴¹ 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.

This evening and next week

- July 4th celebration and gathering for fireworks and fellowship **tonight** at 7:00pm

Next Week

- We see the Choosing of Seven and the beginning of the role of Deacon in the church
- Read Ch 6
- Pray for all those in need of our prayers and comforting. Our prayers are effective and powerful
- God Bless you all and **God Bless America**