



Gamaliel's Advice
Acts 5:33-42
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Gamaliel Intervenes
Acts 5:33, 34 (HCSB)

When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. A Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was respected by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered the men to be taken outside for a little while.

“ The gospel enrages unbelievers who do not repent
“ This response is predicted in Luke 21:12, 13
“ Gamaliel was Paul’s teacher (Acts 22:3)

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Gamaliel Cites Recent History
Acts 5:35, 36 (HCSB)

He said to them, “Men of Israel, be careful about what you’re going to do to these men. Not long ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a group of about 400 men rallied to him. He was killed, and all his partisans were dispersed and came to nothing.

“ There had been false messianic movements that came to nothing
“ Gamaliel is a mitigating influence compared to those who wanted to kill the apostles

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Gamaliel Advises Patient Watching

Acts 5:37, 38 (HCSB)

After this man, Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and attracted a following. That man also perished, and all his partisans were scattered. And now, I tell you, stay away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of men, it will be overthrown;

“Gamaliel does not call for examining the evidence that the apostles cited; he should have

“False movement sometimes do flourish and last for centuries, even millennia

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They Listen But Try to Silence the Gospel

Acts 5:39, 40 (HCSB)

“But if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even be found fighting against God.” So they were persuaded by him. After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them.

“Irony: they are fighting God!

“They flogged them as if they were known law-breakers (Deuteronomy 25:3)

“Again they try to silence the gospel

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They Preach the Gospel Despite Threats

Acts 5:41, 42 (HCSB)

Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be dishonored on behalf of the Name. Every day in the temple complex, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

“The apostles obey God rather than man

“They rejoice that they suffer dishonor as Jesus told them (Luke 6:22, 23)

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