



*...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*  
*Acts 1:8*

**The Signs of True Apostles**  
Acts 5:12-16  
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**Signs of the Apostles**

**Acts 5:12** (NASB)

At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico.

" The apostles were appointed by Jesus and acted with His authority. They are uniquely qualified.

" See John 20:21; Acts 1:8; Luke 24:47 – 49; Heb. 2:2-4

" The apostles act with Christ's authority; Signs are to engender belief: John 20:30-31

" "One accord" is also in Acts 2:1; 4:24; Romans 15:5, 6

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**There Was Fear Because of What Happened**

**Acts 5:13** (NASB)

But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem.

" The Ananias and Sapphira incident was well known (Acts 5:11)

" People stood back with healthy respect

" Some will hold back out of fear

" "Associate" could mean "to be joined to them" or in this context "to draw near" (Peterson)

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**People Believe and Are Added to the Church**

**Acts 5:14** (NET)

More and more **believers** in the Lord **were added** to their number, crowds of both men and women.

“ People are added (imperfect passive indicative; i.e. “by God”) and people believe (present active participle)

“ Acts 2:47; Acts 2:39; Acts 13:48; see Titus 3:4, 5

“ Those who stood back with respect are not added unless they believe the gospel

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**The People Respected the Apostles**

**Acts 5:15** (NET)

Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets, and put them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow would fall on some of them.

“ Like the woman who wanted to touch Jesus’ garment (Luke 8:44)

“ The healing ministry of the apostles paralleled that of Jesus who sent them

“ It does not say whether the shadow healed anyone but see Acts 19:11, 12

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**The Apostles Do the Works of Jesus**

**Acts 5:16** (NASB)

And also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits; and **they were all being healed**.

“ See Matthew 8:16

“ The healing of the lame man (Acts 3:2-10) began this theme of apostolic healing

“ Prayer was answered (Acts 4:30)

“ Signs “signify” the truth of the gospel (Acts 14:3)

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