

Acts 5:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Analysis

The obedient action - 'when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught' - shows immediate compliance with angelic command despite danger. The Greek 'hypo ton orthron' (early morning) indicates dawn teaching, maximizing time and audience. Meanwhile, 'the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together' mobilized official opposition, unaware prisoners had escaped. The phrase 'all the senate of the children of Israel' (Greek 'pan to presbyterion') describes full Sanhedrin assembly, showing crisis level.

Historical Context

Early morning temple teaching capitalized on Jewish prayer times when crowds gathered. The Sanhedrin's full assembly (rare occurrence requiring urgency) demonstrated perceived threat level. The council 'sent to the prison to have them brought' expecting routine trial, unaware of miraculous deliverance.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

1 John 4:8 — God is love

Study Questions

1. What does immediate obedience to divine command teach about prioritizing God's authority?
2. How does the authorities' ignorance while apostles taught freely demonstrate God's sovereignty?

Interlinear Text

ἀκούσαντες δὲ εἰσῆλθον ὑπὸ τὸν ὄρθρον
when they heard **And** **that they entered** **early in the morning** G3588 G3722
G191 G1161 G1525 G5259

εἰς τὸ ἱερὸν καὶ ἐδίδασκον Παραγενόμενος δὲ ὁ
into G3588 **the temple** **and** **taught** **came** **And** G3588
G1519 G2411 G2532 G1321 G3854 G1161

ἀρχιερεὺς καὶ οἱ σὺν αὐτοῦς συνεκάλεσαν
the high priest **and** G3588 **they that were with** **him** **and called**
G749 G2532 G4862 G846 G4779

τὸ συνέδριον καὶ πᾶσαν τὴν γερουσίαν τῶν υἱῶν
G3588 **the council** **and** **all** G3588 **the senate** G3588 **of the children**
G4892 G2532 G3956 G1087 G5207

Ἰσραὴλ καὶ ἀπέστειλαν εἰς τὸ δεσμωτήριον ἀχθῆναι
of Israel **and** **sent** **into** G3588 **the prison** **brought**
G2474 G2532 G649 G1519 G1201 G71

αὐτοῦς
him
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Additional Cross-References

John 8:2 (Temple): And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.

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