

# 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

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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

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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 αὐτούς 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 νιῶν  
the council and all G3588 the senate G3588 of the children  
G3588 G4892 G2532 G3956 G1087 G5207

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

αὐτούς  
him  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**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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