

Acts 5:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

The further report - 'Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people' (some manuscripts include additional detail about blood-guilt accusation). The authorities' dilemma - apostles freely teaching despite imprisonment - forced new strategy. Their inability to explain escape or prevent teaching revealed impotence against divine will. This scene demonstrated Psalm 2's reality: rulers conspire vainly against God's Anointed.

Historical Context

The repeated reports' emphasis ('came one and told them') suggests multiple messengers confirming unbelievable news. The temple's public nature meant thousands witnessed apostolic teaching, making secret rearrest impossible without popular riot. The authorities faced public humiliation - their prisoners escaped supernaturally and resumed prohibited activity openly.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does God's public vindication of His servants expose opposition's futility?
2. What does the authorities' powerlessness despite official position teach about true authority's source?

Interlinear Text

παραγενόμενος	δέ	τις	ἀπήγγειλεν	αὐτοῖς	λέγων	ὅτι			
Then came	and	one	told	them	saying	G3754			
G3854	G1161	G5100	G518	G846	G3004				
Ἰδού,	οἱ	ἄνδρες	οὓς	ἔθεσθε	ἐν	τῇ	φυλακῇ	εἰσὶν	ἐν
Behold	G3588	the men	whom	ye put	in	G3588	prison	are	in
G2400		G435	G3739	G5087	G1722		G5438	G1526	G1722
τῷ	ἱερῷ	ἑστῶτες	καὶ	διδάσκοντες	τὸν	λαόν			
G3588	the temple	standing	and	teaching	G3588	the people			
	G2411	G2476	G2532	G1321		G2992			

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