

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 the men whom ye put in prison are in
G3588 G435 G3739 G5087 G1722 G5438 G1526 G1722

τῷ ιερῷ ἐστῶτες καὶ διδάσκοντες τὸν λαόν
the temple standing and teaching the people
G3588 G2411 G2476 G2532 G1321 G3588 G2992

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