

Acts 5:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them,

Analysis

The accusation - 'Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us' - reveals multiple grievances. The phrase 'straitly command' (Greek intensive) emphasizes their authority. Their avoidance of Jesus' name ('this name,' 'this man') shows contempt or fear. 'Filled Jerusalem with your doctrine' admits gospel's saturation despite opposition. The blood-guilt accusation ('intend to bring this man's blood upon us') acknowledges their role in crucifixion they tried denying.

Historical Context

The council's previous prohibition (Acts 4:18) explicitly forbade Jesus-teaching. The phrase 'filled Jerusalem' (Greek 'peplērōkate') suggests pervasive influence. Their expressed fear of blood-guilt ironically recalls their earlier declaration 'His blood be on us' (Matthew 27:25), showing suppressed guilty conscience.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. What does avoiding Jesus' name while acknowledging His movement's power reveal about suppressed conviction?
2. How does the blood-guilt fear demonstrate that consciences testify to truth even when mouths deny it?

Interlinear Text

Ἀγαγόντες	δὲ	αὐτοὺς	ἔστησαν	ἐν	τῷ
when they had brought	And	them	they set	them before	G3588
G71	G1161	G846	G2476	G1722	
συνεδρίῳ	καὶ	ἐπηρώτησεν	αὐτοὺς	ὁ	ἀρχιερεὺς
the council	and	asked	them	G3588	the high priest
G4892	G2532	G1905	G846		G749

Additional Cross-References

Matthew 5:22 (Parallel theme): But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.