

# Acts 5:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.

## Analysis

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The young men's immediate action - 'arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him' - fulfilled cultural necessity (Jewish burial within 24 hours) while removing evidence of judgment. The Greek 'systellō' (wound up) describes wrapping in burial cloths. The efficiency suggests divine judgment was understood and accepted. This swift removal also prevented Sapphira from being warned, allowing her independent test. The burial's immediacy emphasizes finality - no revival, no second chance, underscoring sin's deadly seriousness.

## Historical Context

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Jewish law required burial by sundown, especially urgent in Jerusalem's heat. The 'young men' (Greek 'neōteroi') likely refers to appointed servants, not merely age group. Quick burial prevented ritual impurity from spreading and removed the sobering evidence from immediate sight.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. What does the burial's immediacy teach about sin's consequences and their finality?
2. How do you balance God's mercy with His justice when considering this judgment?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀναστάντες δὲ οἱ νεώτεροι συνέστειλαν αὐτὸν καὶ  
arose And G3588 the young men up him and  
G450 G1161 G3501 G4958 G846 G2532

ἔξενέγκαντες ἔθαψαν  
carried him out and buried  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**John 19:40** (Parallel theme): Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

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