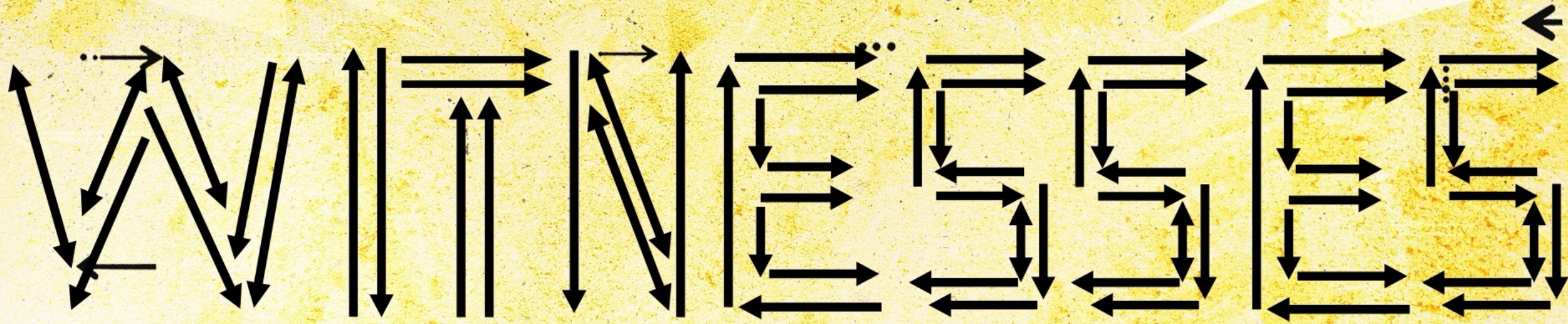




# **BOLD WITNESSES**

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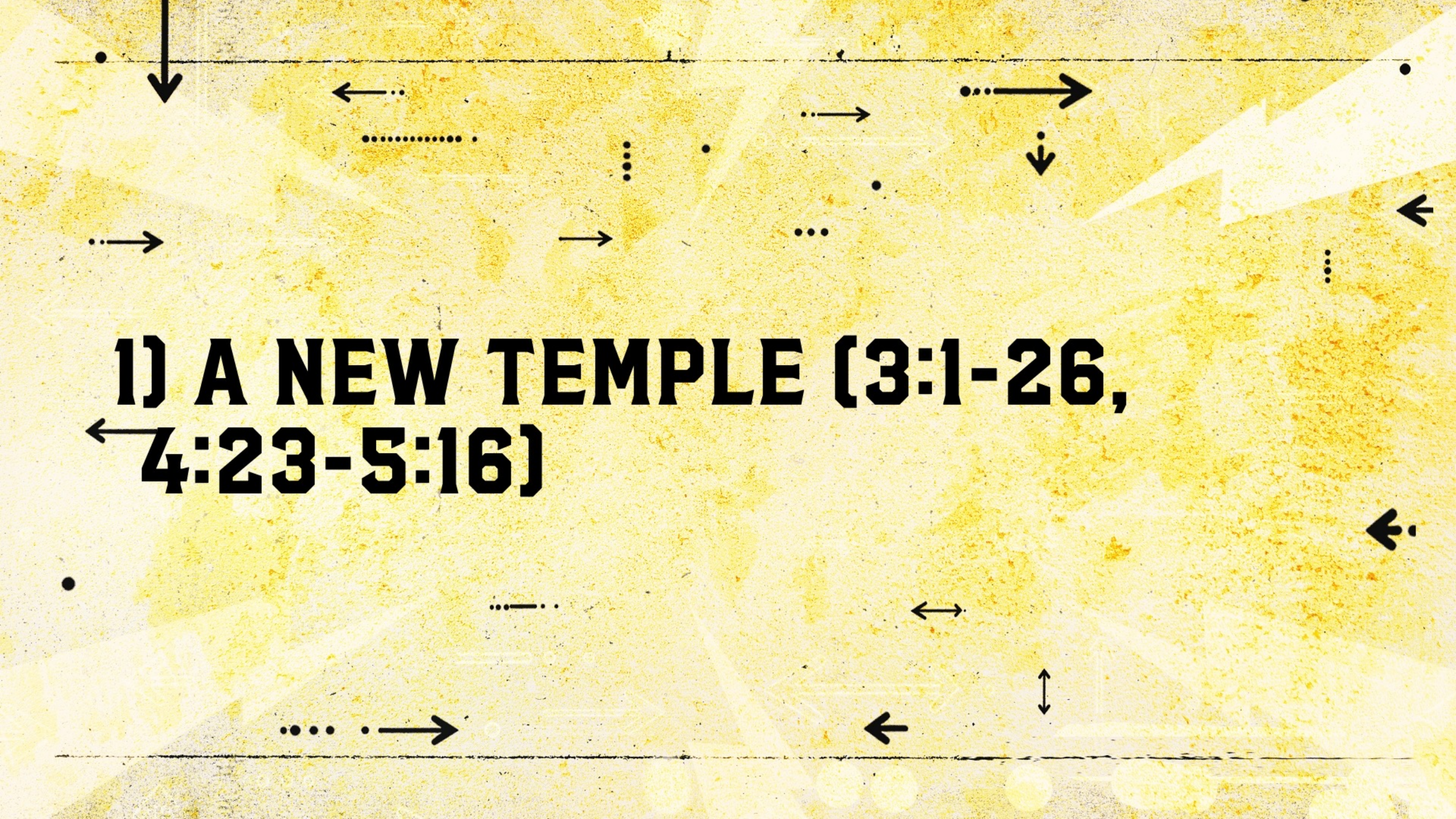


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**1) A NEW TEMPLE (3:1-26,  
← 4:23-5:16)**



Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up in three days."

Therefore the Jews said, "This temple took forty-six years to build, and will you raise it up in three days?"

But he was speaking about the temple of his body. So when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the statement Jesus had made.

**JOHN 2:19-22**



<sup>1</sup>Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon.

<sup>2</sup>A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the

temple. <sup>3</sup>When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money. <sup>4</sup>Peter, along with

John, looked straight at him and said, "Look at us." <sup>5</sup>So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them.

<sup>6</sup>But Peter said, "I don't have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"



<sup>7</sup>Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong.

<sup>8</sup>So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup>All the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup>and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.



Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
Then the lame will leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy,  
for water will gush in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

**ISAIAH 35:5-6**



On that day —  
this is the Lord's declaration —  
I will assemble the lame  
and gather the scattered,  
those I have injured.  
I will make the lame into a remnant,  
those far removed into a strong nation.

**MICAH 4:6-7**



17“ And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did.

18In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets — that his Messiah would suffer. 19Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, 20that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah.”



<sup>24</sup>“In addition, ~~all the prophets~~ who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, have also ~~foretold these days~~. <sup>25</sup>You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, **And all the families of the earth will be blessed through your offspring.** <sup>26</sup>God raised up his servant and sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways.”



4:36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus by birth, the one the apostles called Barnabas (which is translated Son of Encouragement), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned, brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property.

<sup>2</sup> However, he kept back part of the proceeds with his wife's knowledge, and brought a portion of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.



“The ‘original sin’ of the church is portrayed in terms of the misuse of money and possessions! Ananias and Sapphira disregarded the presence of God in the Christian community, the sacredness of that fellowship in God’s eyes, and the relational aspect of their sin. They failed to discern that a deliberate act of deceit against the church was a sin against the Lord of the church.”

**DAVID PETERSON**



“This is not merely a private transgression but an improper temple offering. Their sin was what Jesus pronounced woes upon: external righteousness without internal heart change.”

**PATRICK SCHREINER**



<sup>11</sup>Then great fear came on the whole church and on all who heard these things.

<sup>12</sup>Many signs and wonders were being done among the people through the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>13</sup>No one else dared to join them, but the people spoke well of them.



<sup>14</sup>Believers were added to the Lord in increasing numbers — multitudes of both men and women.

<sup>15</sup>As a result, they would carry the sick out into the streets and lay them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup>In addition, a multitude came together from the towns surrounding Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.



**1) A NEW TEMPLE (3:1-26,  
4:23-5:16)**

**2) NEW LEADERS (4:1-22, 5:17-  
40)**



“The old temple leaders are portrayed increasingly as incompetent, confused, powerless, and hard-hearted before God and his servants, as was Pharaoh.”

**PATRICK SCHREINER**



4:1 While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple police, and the Sadducees confronted them, <sup>2</sup>because they were annoyed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>So they seized them and took them into custody until the next day since it was already evening. <sup>4</sup>But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.



<sup>5</sup>The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>After they had Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: "By what power or in what name have you done this?"



<sup>8</sup>Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders: <sup>9</sup>If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing here before you healthy.



<sup>13</sup>When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.



<sup>16</sup>Saying, "What should we do with these men? For an obvious sign has been done through them, clear to everyone living in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup>But so that this does not spread any further among the people, let's threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name again."



<sup>19</sup>Peter and John answered them, “Whether it’s right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; <sup>20</sup>for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

<sup>21</sup>After threatening them further, they released them. They found no way to punish them because the people were all giving glory to God over what had been done. <sup>22</sup>For this sign of healing had been performed on a man over forty years old.



“The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years, but they did not enter their land. This man sat outside the temple waiting forty years; now resurrection life and rest has come through the Servant. The new era has finally dawned upon Israel; but to be healed, people must follow their servant like Moses.”

**PATRICK SCHREINER**



5:17 Then the high priest rose up. He and all who were with him, who belonged to the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. <sup>18</sup> So they arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. <sup>19</sup> But an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail during the night, brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple, and tell the people all about this life." <sup>21</sup> Hearing this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.



<sup>24</sup>As the captain of the temple police and the chief priests heard these things, they were baffled about them, wondering what would come of this.

<sup>25</sup>Someone came and reported to them, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup>Then the commander went with the servants and brought them in without force, because they were afraid the people might stone them.



<sup>27</sup> After they brought them in, they had them stand before the Sanhedrin, and the high priest asked, <sup>28</sup>“Didn’t we strictly order you not to teach in this name? Look, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than people... <sup>32</sup>We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”



<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law who was respected by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered the men to be taken outside for a little while...

<sup>38</sup>"So in the present case, I tell you, stay away from these men and leave them alone. For if this plan or this work is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You may even be found fighting against God." They were persuaded by him.



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2) NEW LEADERS (4:1-22, 5:17-  
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• 3) THE RESULT: WITNESSING  
TO JESUS (5:41-42) ↔

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41 Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be treated shamefully on behalf of the Name. 42 Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.



WITNESSES

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Acts 3-5