

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles “To the end of the earth” Acts 1:8

“Learn to Love the Battle” Acts 5:33–42



Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Eph. 6:13, “Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

John 15:18, “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you.

John 15:19, “If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

John 15:20, “Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

John 15:21, “But all these things they will do to you for My name’s sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me.”

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation [adversity]; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

The Arrest, 5:26

The Trial

the charge by the Sanhedrin, 5:27–28;

the response by the apostles, 5:29–32;

the reaction, 5:33;

Gamaliel's appeal, 5:34–39;

Punishment, 5:40;

Rejoicing in suffering, 5:41–42

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διαπρίω diapríō;

to saw, cut with a saw. To saw through or asunder, to divide by a saw (Sept.: 1 Chr. 20:3).

In the NT only in the mid., *diapríomai*, used metaphorically meaning to be enraged, moved with anger, to be cut or torn emotionally (Acts 5:33; 7:54).

“Now it came to pass, while Fadus was procurator of Judea, that a certain magician, whose name was Theudas, persuaded a great part of the people to take their effects with them, and follow him to the river Jordan; for he told them he was a prophet, and that he would, by his own command, divide the river, and afford them an easy passage over it; and many were deluded by his words. However, Fadus did not permit them to make any advantage of his wild attempt, but sent a troop of horsemen out against them; who, falling upon them unexpectedly, slew many of them and took many of them alive. They also took Theudas alive, and cut off his head, and carried it to Jerusalem. This was what befell the Jews in the time of Cuspius Fadus’s government.”

~Josephus

“How do they scourge him? They bind his two hands to a pillar on either side, and the minister of the synagogue lays hold on his garments ... so that he bares his chest. A stone is set down behind him on which the minister of the synagogue stands with a strap of calf-hide in his hand, doubled and re-doubled, and two other straps that rise and fall are fastened thereto ... He must give him one-third of the stripes in front and two-thirds behind; and he may not strike him when he is standing or when he is sitting, but only when he is bending low, for it is written, ‘the judge shall cause him to lie down’ [Deut. 25:2]. And he that smites, smites with his one hand with all his might ... If he dies under his hand, the scourger is not culpable.

“As the accused suffers his beating, another person stands by and reads from Deuteronomy 28:58–63 (‘If you do not carefully follow all the words of this law ...’) repeatedly throughout the beating.”

~Mishnah, *Makkoth*