

THE BOOK OF
ACTS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 5: 12-42

Message + Mission + Multiply

Acts 5: 11 NIV

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Question

Do you remember why
they were afraid?

Acts 5:12 NIV

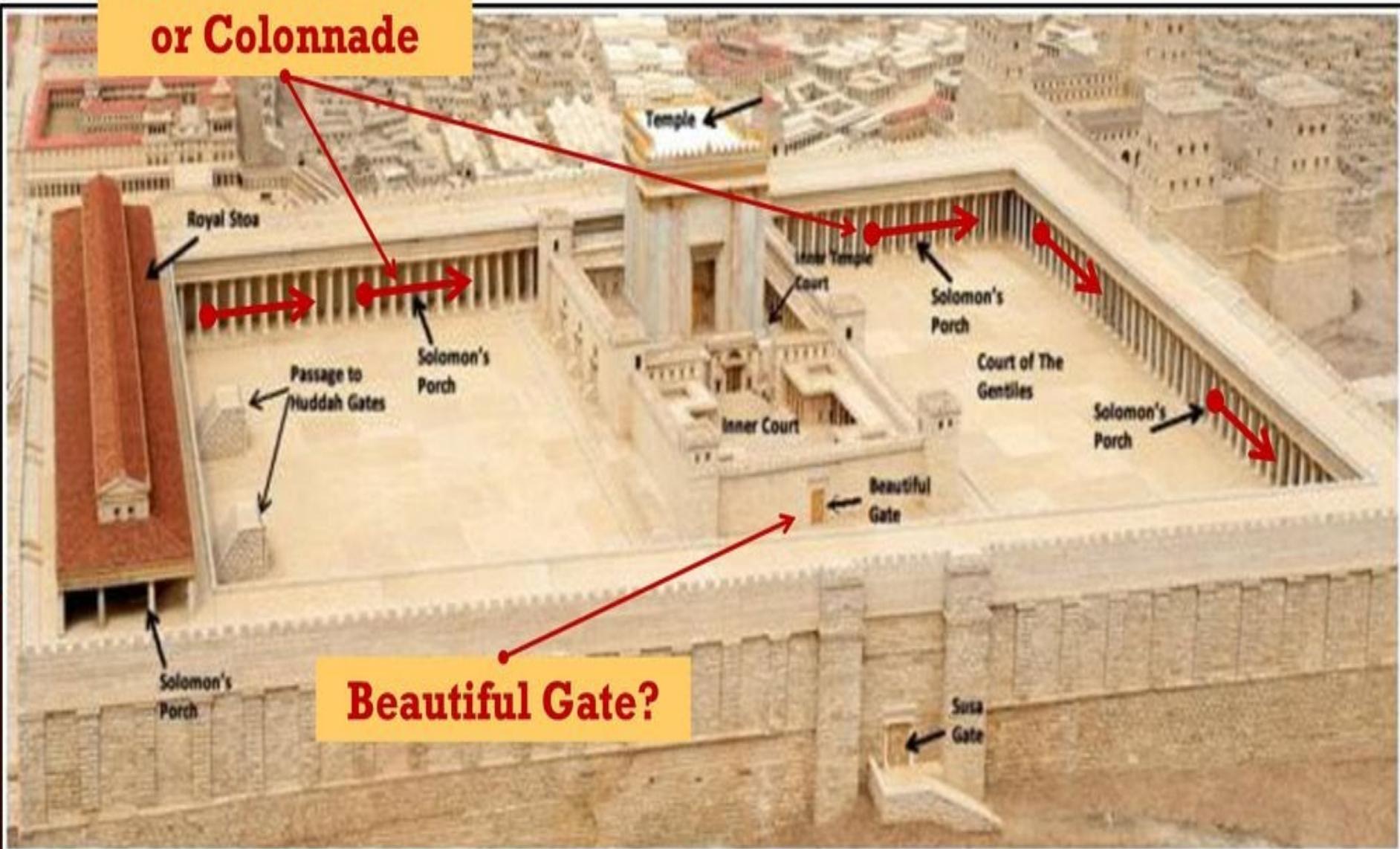
The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

Question

What word is used for a group of Christians meeting together?

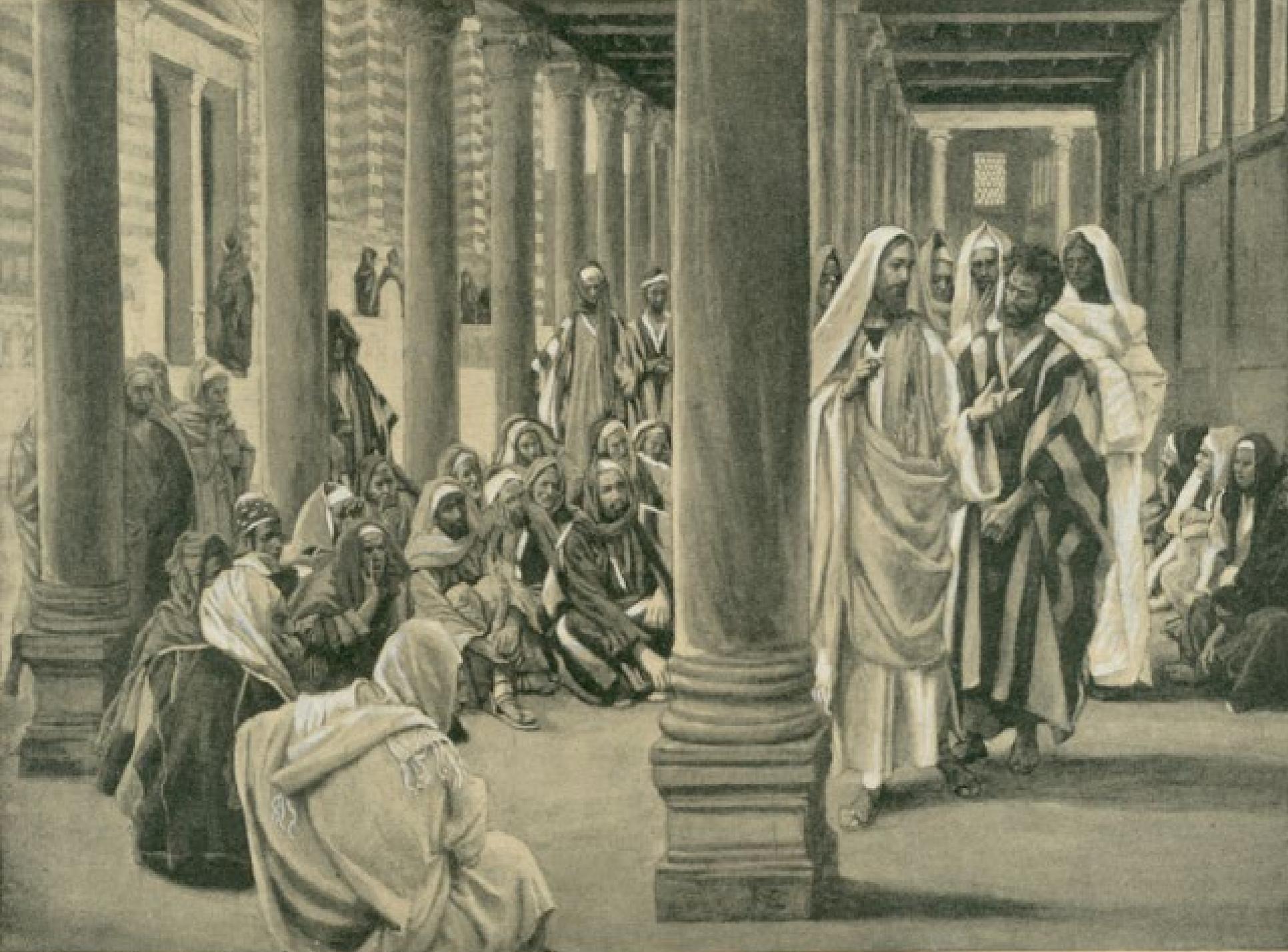
Temple Complex

**Solomon's Porch
or Colonnade**



Beautiful Gate?





Acts 5:13 NIV

No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people.

Question

Why do you think
that no one else
dared to join them
when they met
together?

Acts 5: 11 NIV

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Question

What does it mean
that they were highly
regarded by the
people?

Acts 5:14 NIV

Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

Question

Why is the Church
growing?

Question

What had to be removed
from the Church to
allow God to move?

Hint: Ananias and
Sapphira

Question

How can we apply this
to our Church today?

Acts 5:15 NIV

As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

Question

As a result of what?

Clarification

Note that it does not say Peter's shadow healed them, they hoped his shadow would fall on them.

Clarification

People wanted to believe there was something special about Peter, and they began seeking proximity to him in hopes of having some power pass over them.

Acts 5: 16 NIV

Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Question

Who is doing the
healing?

Question

Do you remember the
prayer in chapter 4?

Acts 4: 29 NIV

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Acts 4: 30 NIV

*Stretch out your hand to
heal and perform signs
and wonders through the
name of your holy servant
Jesus.”*

Acts 5:17 NIV

*Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were **filled with jealousy.***

Question

What was the real reason behind the persecution?

Question

Why were they
jealous?

Acts 5:18 NIV

*They arrested the apostles
and put them in the public
jail.*

Question

The last time they arrested just Peter and John, who did they arrest now?

Acts 5: 19-20 NIV

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

Question

Who opened the door
to the jail?

Question

What did the angel
tell them to do?

Question

Why do you think the
angel appeared?

Acts 5: 21 NIV

At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people.

Acts 5: 21 NIV

When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles.

Question

Why do you think they called together the full assembly of the elders of Israel to meet with apostles?

Acts 5: 22-23 NIV

But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside."

Acts 5: 24 NIV

On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

Question

What were they
wondering?

Question

Do you think they
were hoping they had
disappeared?

Acts 5: 25 NIV

Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people."

Question

How do you think
they felt now?

Acts 5: 26 NIV

At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

Question

What does the fact that they did not use force tell us about the apostles actions?

Acts 5: 27 NIV

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest.

Acts 5: 28 NIV

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Question

Who is making them
feel guilty?

Question

Do we see the same
thing today?

Observation

Note that they
refuse to use the
name of Jesus. They
say "this man".

Acts 5: 29 NIV

Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

Question

Note they responded
in unison, what does
this demonstrate?

Acts 5: 30 NIV

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

Question

Do you remember
what they were being
accused of?

Acts 5: 28 NIV

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

Acts 5: 30 NIV

The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead— whom you killed by hanging him on a cross.

Acts 5: 31 NIV

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins.

Acts 5: 32 NIV

We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Question

Who had received the
gift of the Holy
Spirit?

Question

Does it sound like the
apostles are trying
to make everyone
happy?

Acts 5: 33 NIV

When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death.

◀ Acts 5:33 ▶

or Chapter

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Question

What happened in Acts 2 when they were cut to the heart?

Acts 5: 34 NIV

But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.

Time for a closed
door meeting!

Acts 5: 34 NIV

But a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, who was honored by all the people, stood up in the Sanhedrin and ordered that the men be put outside for a little while.

Does anyone know
who was a student of
Gamaliel?

Acts 22: 2-3 NIV

Then Paul said: “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors.

Acts 5: 35 NIV

Then he addressed the Sanhedrin: “Men of Israel, consider carefully what you intend to do to these men.

Acts 5: 36 NIV

Some time ago Theudas appeared, claiming to be somebody, and about four hundred men rallied to him. He was killed, all his followers were dispersed, and it all came to nothing.

Acts 5: 37 NIV

After him, Judas the Galilean appeared in the days of the census and led a band of people in revolt. He too was killed, and all his followers were scattered.

Acts 5: 38 NIV

Therefore, in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail.

Acts 5: 39 NIV

But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God.”

Question

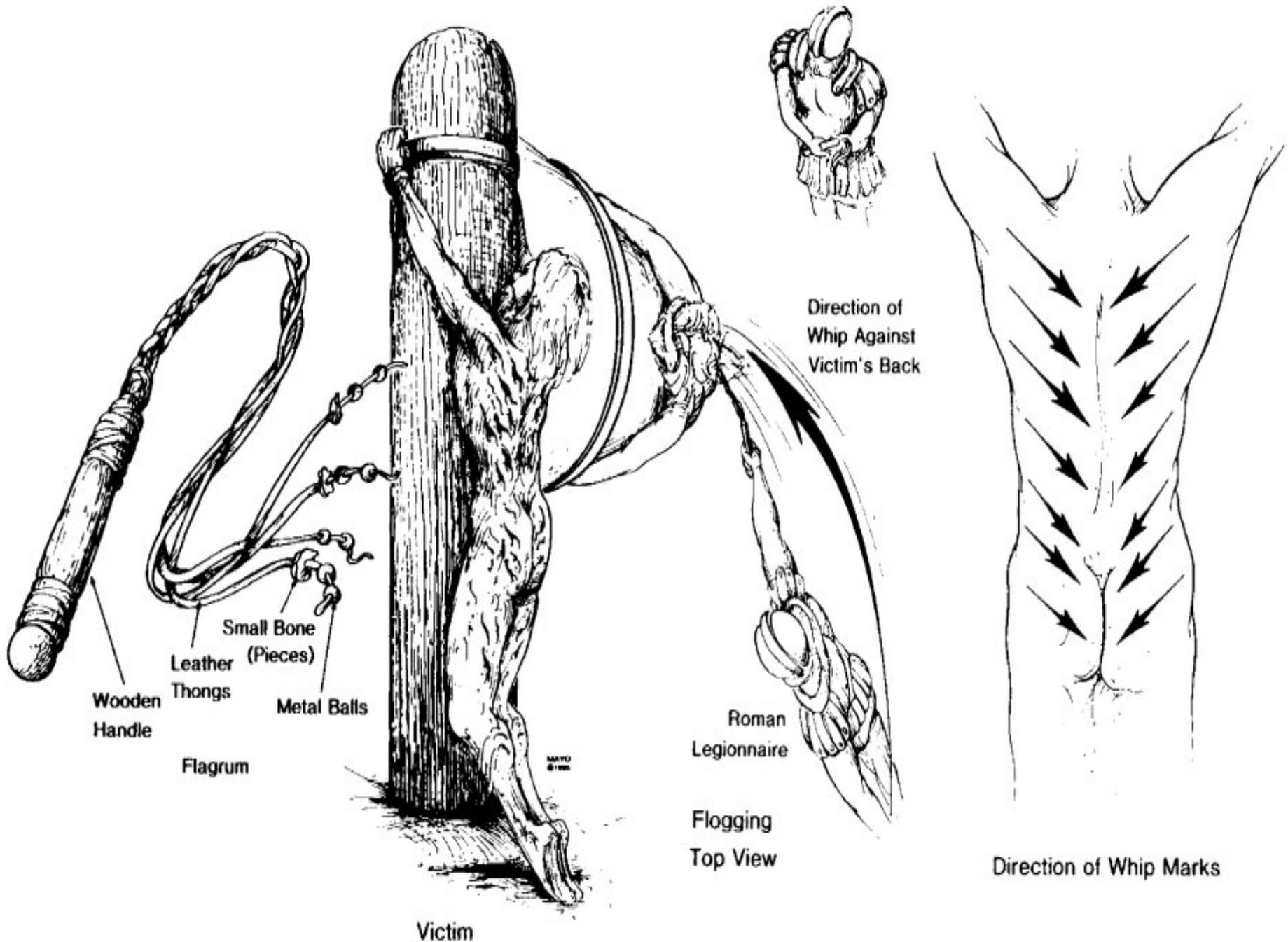
Why is Gamaliel
concerned that the
apostles might be
acting on behalf of
God?

Acts 5: 40 NIV

His speech persuaded them. They called the apostles in and had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Question

What is a flogging?



Wooden Handle

Leather Thongs

Small Bone (Pieces)

Metal Balls

Flagrum

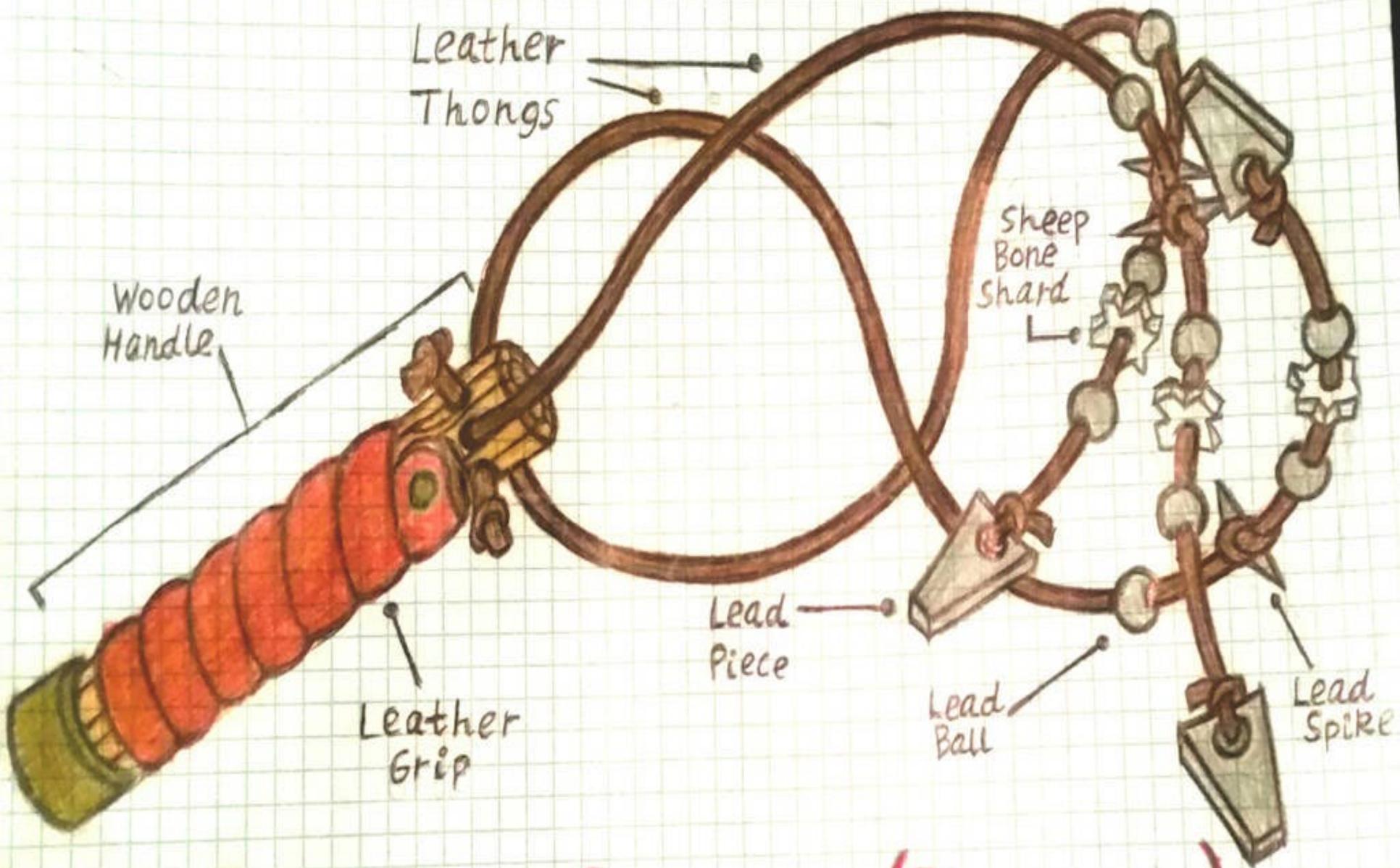
Victim

Roman Legionnaire

Flogging Top View

Direction of Whip Against Victim's Back

Direction of Whip Marks



Roman Scourge (Flagrum)

Question

Why did they have
the apostles flogged?

Question

How did the apostles
respond after being
flogged?

Acts 5: 41 NIV

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Question

Why are they
rejoicing?

Acts 5: 41 NIV

The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

Acts 5: 42 NIV

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

Persecution NEVER
stops the Church!

Next week

Please read

Acts 6:1-7