

# Understand your Bible

## Suggested notes

### Acts 5

#### What we will see in this chapter:

- Problems caused by two members of the church
- Problems caused by the religious authorities
- The reaction of Peter to the religious authorities

#### 1 Read the chapter

**2 Questions** to help us in our understanding of this chapter. Look at the chapter verses in your Bible and use the questions to help you make your notes.

Chapter verses	Questions (to help with your notes)	Suggested notes
1 and 2	1. What did Ananias and his wife do?	They sold a possession and lied about how much they had sold it for.
3 and 4	2. What did Peter accuse Ananias of?  <i>Note: See the Bible verses about Satan in section 4</i>	He accused him of lying to the Holy Spirit and God.
5 to 11	3. What happened to Ananias and his wife and why?	They both died as they both told lies when questioned.
12 to 16	4. What did the apostles do and what was the result?	The apostles did many miracles of healing and more people became believers.
17 to 20	5. What happened to the apostles?	The high priest and Sadducees arrested the apostles and imprisoned them because of their message. An angel brought them out of prison and told them to continue preaching.
21 to 26	6. What did the religious leaders do and why?	The religious rulers sent for the apostles from prison, but they were not there. They were concerned about what might happen and had the apostles re-arrested peacefully.
27 to 29	7. How did Peter respond to the religious leaders?	Peter responded to their order to stop preaching by pointing out that they should obey God rather than men.

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30 to 32	8. What did he tell them about Jesus?	He told them that God raised Jesus from the dead after they had killed him. Jesus was now at God's right hand and able to forgive sins.
33 to 39	9. What did Gamaliel suggest?	When they wanted to kill the apostles, Gamaliel recommended restraint. If this preaching were not from God it would all end as it had with other preachers. But if they were obeying God no-one would be able to stop them.
40 to 42	10. What happened then?	The religious leaders threatened and beat the apostles who continued teaching and preaching and rejoicing that they were worthy to suffer for Jesus.

### 3 First-century Christian beliefs in this chapter.

Peter considered these beliefs to be important. Make a note of what beliefs you see in these verses in Acts 5.

Bible verse(s)	Beliefs
v 29	We must obey God, rather than men.
v 30	God raised up Jesus after the Jews killed him.
v 31	He is now at God's right hand as a Prince and Saviour to give repentance and forgiveness of sins.
v 32	The apostles and the Holy Spirit were witnesses to all these events.

### 4 Bible verses about Satan (from v 3)

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Have a look at these verses which mention Satan and make a note of the main point(s) in the verse(s).

Bible verse(s)	Main point(s)
Numbers 22 v 22 Text note: "adversary" is "satan" in the original Hebrew.	Satan can refer to an angel of God.
1 Samuel 29 v 4 Text note: "adversary" is "satan" in the original Hebrew.	King David is called a satan.
1 Kings 5 v 4, 11 v 14 Text note: "enemy" is "satan" in the original Hebrew.	King Solomon's enemies are called satan.
Compare two records of the same event: 2 Samuel 24 v 1 1 Chronicles 21 v 1	The word "Satan" is used of the LORD himself.
Job 2 v 3 to 6	A Satan who can influence the LORD and is given power by the LORD is involved in Job's sufferings.
Mark 1 v 13	Satan tempts the Lord Jesus Christ.
Mark 8 v 31 to 33	Jesus calls the apostle Peter a Satan when he tries to oppose him.
Luke 10 v 17 to 20	When 70 followers of Jesus tell him about their recent preaching and healing campaign, Jesus says this is like Satan falling from heaven.
Luke 22 v 3 and 4	Satan enters Judas Iscariot when he betrays Jesus.
Acts 5 v 1 to 4	Peter says that Satan has filled the hearts of two early believers who lied about the price of some land they sold.
Romans 16 v 20	God will soon "crush Satan" under the believers' feet.
1 Thessalonians 2 v 18	Satan stops Paul from coming to the Thessalonian believers.