



### Synopsis

### *A snapshot of the chapter*

The general benevolent spirit among the Christians was marred by Ananias and Sapphira who lied about their contribution. Both fell down dead when Peter confronted them with their sin. That caused all who heard it to be afraid. Nevertheless, the church continued to grow. As a result, the apostles were arrested and put in prison. At night, an angel opened the doors and let them out. He told them to go to the temple and to openly speak the words of life to the people. The Jewish council brought them in and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus; whereupon, they all refused. The council plotted to kill them, but a wise teacher named Gamaliel cautioned it to leave the fate of the apostles in the hands of God.

### Observation—What do you see?

*Important Person(s):*

*Main Event(s):*

### *Study Questions:*

1. *To whom did Peter say Ananias and Sapphira had lied? Why did he say that?*
2. *What role did the miracles have in the growth of the church in Jerusalem?*
3. *What was the response of the apostles to the Council when they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus?*
4. *What did Gamaliel say to the Council that made them agree with him?*
5. *What did the apostles do after being cautioned by the Council?*

### Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.