

Acts Chapters 4-6 **Question and Answers**

1. Acts 4:13 “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.”

What does it mean “that they had been with Jesus” and how might the same be said of us?

As having been in His company; remembering possibly, that they had seen them with Him [MEYER, BLOOMFIELD, ALFORD]; but, more probably, perceiving in their whole bearing what identified them with Jesus: that is, "We thought we had got rid of Him; but lo! He reappears in these men, and all that troubled us in the Nazarene Himself has yet to be put down in these His disciples." What a testimony to these primitive witnesses! Would that the same could be said of their successors! JFB

2. In Acts 5:1-11 we learn of a man and wife by the name of Ananias and Sapphira, what was their sin, how was their sin discovered and is it possible for us to commit the same sin and if so how?

As this was an act of falsehood, or an attempt to deceive, it is with great propriety traced to the influence of Satan. Albert Barnes

The sin of Ananias consisted in his yielding to the temptation. Nowhere in the Bible are men supposed to be free from guilt, from the fact that they have been tempted to commit it. God requires them to resist temptation; and if they yield to it, they must be punished. *Albert Barnes*

2. (a) What was Sapphira's part in this and what might she have done differently?

Peter could have known this only by revelation. It was the manifest design of Ananias to deceive; nor was there any way of detecting him but by its being revealed to him by the Spirit of God. As it was an instance of enormous wickedness, and as it was very important to detect and punish the crime, it was made known to Peter directly by God. *Albert Barnes*

2. (b) What was the ensuing result of this transgression and was it positive or negative in light of building a new church?

Acts 5:11 “And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. 12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. 13 And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them. 14 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)”

3. How was Satan's activity thwarted and actually used to advance the cause of Christ in Acts 6:1-7?

3. **Restated** - What was the problem recorded in these verses and how was it addressed by the Church and what was the result?

This stratagem of Satan did not succeed to divide the church, but issued in the better decorum and discipline of it, and in the spread and success of the Gospel; God thus making all things to work together for good; John Gill

1 Corinthians 10:10

“Neither murmur ye,
as some of them also
murmured, and were
destroyed of the
destroyer.”

Prayer Time