

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BACK TO THE BOOK OF ACTS (BBA)

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PART 18: THE DEVIL BARES HIS TEETH

As we are digging deeper into the Book of Acts, there are two points I want to make before we go any further:

1. None of the books of the New Testament existed while the events in we are reading were taking place. It would be 20 years after the resurrection of Jesus before the first books of the New Testament came into being. The last book written was the Book of Revelation, some 60 years after the ascension of Jesus into heaven.

The apostles and the early disciples had to rely on their experience with Jesus and the Holy Ghost. **John 16:7-15**

2. Jesus revealed to His disciples that the leaders and followers of Judaism did not have God as their father, but the Devil. Therefore, we must understand that the leaders and followers of Judaism were demon possessed and that this still holds true for today. This explains why it is so difficult to lead a Jew to Christ. **John 8:31-59**

Jesus came to His own and wasn't received. **John 1:1-11**

Later, the apostle Paul expounded on this truth and wrote that blindness had come to the Jewish people. **Romans 11:25**

When Paul wrote this down, he relied on two sources: the prophet Isaiah and Jesus who also quoted Isaiah. **Isaiah 6:8-13; Matthew 13:10-15**

Unsaved Jews and unsaved Gentiles are possessed by demons. The severity of the demon possession varies from light to heavy. Therefore, when a person is saved and born again, they are delivered from the power of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of God. **Colossians 1:12-14**

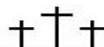
When Jesus gave the revelation to the apostle John, He was even more blunt and told John about the synagogue of Satan. **Revelation 2:9, 3:9**

The reason Jesus was successful in reaching the Jewish people was that He had bound the strongman. **Matthew 12:29**

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When the power of God was displayed in Jerusalem and Jewish people were saved, healed and set free from demons, Satan was filled with wrath and moved upon his disciples. **Acts 5:14-18**

God can display His power at any time, and when the apostles were put in prison, God decided to take them out supernaturally to show His superiority over the Devil. **verse 19**



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They were told to go back to the same location in which they were arrested and keep on preaching like nothing had happened. **verses 20-21**

The apostles showed no fear because they were moved by the Holy Ghost. **verse 22**

The next event shows that people in the kingdom of Satan do not understand spiritual matters; they are dull and downright stupid. **verses 23-25**

They were smart enough to realize that the entire population in Jerusalem was intrigued by the Gospel and happy over the many miracles. So the Jewish leadership used velvet gloves to arrest the apostles again. **verses 26-27**

They accused the apostles of filling Jerusalem with the Gospel. According to the Devil and his crowd, this was a crime! **verse 28**

Peter and the other apostles did not back down as Peter countered by telling them that they would obey God and not the followers of Satan? **verses 29-32**

The response from the Jewish leadership shows that the Holy Ghost had abandoned them; there was no repentance, just anger and a desire to murder the apostles. **verse 33**

There was one less corrupted leader, who stood up and told the rest of them to make sure that they would not fight God himself. **verses 34-39**

The demon infested leadership couldn't just let the apostles go but beat and threatened them some more. **verse 40**

When God's people have to suffer for the sake of the Gospel, the proper response is to start praising the Lord. **verses 41-42**

WHAT ARE WE TO LEARN FROM THESE EVENTS?

1. Circumstances means nothing, with God all things are possible. **Matthew 19:26**
2. Never leave the post God has assigned to you until He tells you so!
3. Don't be impressed by threats from Satan and his followers! Remember, you are in the service of the King of kings and Lord of lords. **Matthew 10:28-33**
4. Stop complaining and start praising the Lord. **Philippians 4:4-8**

UNBELIEF MUST BE CONFESSED AND RENOUNCED – James 1:5-8

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?