

Acts Series: Lordship

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I. Introduction.

II. Sadducees were the primary threat in Acts because they were opposed to the resurrection of the dead.

A. They wanted to bring the death sentence to Peter for his act of healing because any person doing a deed by a magical authority was to be stoned in Biblical times. Peter responded by citing Scripture as Jesus had taught him. (Matthew 21)

B. If you want your followers to be a certain way, you must lead by example.

III. There is no other name for salvation besides Jesus Christ. (Acts 4:12)

A. Other religions point out our needs and tell us what to be; Jesus meets our needs and makes us what we need to be.

B. The disciples were bold in their witness.

1. They prayed for it. (Acts 4:29, Philippians 1:14)

2. They lived in victory. (Proverbs 28:1, Jeremiah 20:9)

3. They were knit in unity and sacrifice. God blesses us when we give our lives.

C. The disciples were in one accord - this is the expression of love in Acts. The Body of Christ is to function together with all its different gifts.

IV. God laid down conditions to be a part of the community, but Ananias and Saphira tried to get in deceitfully.

V. The Apostles made the commitment that they must obey God rather than man. (Acts 5:29)

Application questions

1. What was Jesus example in Matthew 21 that Peter followed in Acts? Is that an example we are to follow today?

2. How can we strengthen our witness today?

3. Memorize Acts 5:29 and write it below. What does this verse teach about Jesus' role in our life today? Explain.
