

Sermon Handout

Expanding Horizons

Acts 5:12-16

- I. The developing story v. 12a**
- a. Answer to Prayer 4:29-30; *cf.* 4:33
 - “signs & wonders” 4:16 w/ ref. to 3:6-9
 - In the name of Jesus 4:30
 - By the hands of the apostles 5:12 [note the plural]
 - b. Evidence of Apostolic Persistence *cf.* 4:19-20
 - i. God’s judgment on Ananias & Sapphira 5:1-11
 - ii. Signs & wonders “among the people” v. 12a
 - iii. Public gathering of the believers v. 12b
- II. The gospel’s effect on three groups of people vv. 12b-14**
- a. The Church gathering at Solomon’s Porch v. 12 *cf.* 3:11
 - i. Continued to be of one mind
 - ii. Demonstrating their fear of God *cf.* v. 11a
 - b. The unbelieving element (“the rest”) v. 13a
 - i. Lk 8:10; I Thess 4:13; 5:6 *cf.* Lk 18:9; I Tim 5:20; Eph 2:3
 - ii. Kept by fear from joining with the believers *cf.* v. 11b
 - c. The Hebrew people generally (“the people”) v. 13b
 - i. Held the apostles & their followers in high esteem
 - ii. Many converted (“a large number, men & women”) v. 14
 - No specific number given *cf.* 11:24; *contra* 2:41; 4:4
 - See* Mt 14:21 (Jn 6:10); Mt 15:38
- III. The gospel message begins to spread beyond Jerusalem vv. 15-16**
- a. The sick were brought from all over Jerusalem v. 15
 - Healings in the shadow Mk 1:32-34; 5:25-29; Mk 6:56; Acts 19:11-12
 - All were healed v. 16b
 - b. The sick brought from cities **outside** Jerusalem v. 16a *See* Lk 6:17
 - These too were healed v. 16b
 - Beginning the fulfillment of Acts 1:8 “Jerusalem & all Judaea”