

ACTS

OF THE APOSTLES



ACTS 5: 33-42

"Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

ACTS 5: 28-32



The Great Sanhedrin

71 Men - Made up of a Chief/Prince/Leader called Nasi (at some times this position may have been held by the High Priest), a vice chief justice (Av Beit Din), and sixty-nine general members.

➤ The Great Sanhedrin - 71
Men

Comprised of 2
religious/political parties.

1. Sadducees (majority)
2. Pharisees (minority)



The Great Sanhedrin - 71 Men

1. Sadducees (majority) – control the council

- Influential with Rome
 - Did not believe in immortality
 - Did not believe in resurrection
 - Did not believe in angels/demons

2. Pharisees (minority)

- Have influence with the people
 - Were purists concerning the law
 - Were nationalistic (wanted to be apart from Rome's authority)
 - Most scribes were Pharisees



GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

"And now I say to you,
keep away from these
men and **let them alone**;
for if this plan or this
work is of men, it will
come to nothing;



GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

"And now I say to you,
keep away from these
men and let them alone;
for if this plan or this
work is of men, it will
come to nothing;

➤ GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

"but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it --lest you even be found to fight against God."



GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

"And now I say to you,
keep away from these
men and let them alone;
for if this plan or this
work is of men, it will
come to nothing;

➤ Proverbs 27: 12's counsel

A prudent man
foresees evil and
hides himself; The
simple pass on and
are punished.

➤ GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

"but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it --lest you even be found to fight against God."

➤ JESUS' WORDS – LUKE 24: 25

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!"

➤ GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

And he said to them: "Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men."



GAMALIEL'S ADVICE

For some time ago **Theudas** rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. **He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing.** After this man, **Judas** of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and **drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed.**

JESUS' COUNSEL – Matt 12: 38-40

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”

But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men”.

And **they agreed with him**, and when they had called for the apostles and **beaten them**, they **commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go**. So **they departed** from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name**. And **daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.**