

6. **Nevertheless, Let Us GO and TELL:** What happened to the apostles, *who had been arrested?* ¹⁹ **...during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out.** ²⁰ **“Go, stand in the temple courts,”** he said, **“and tell the people the full message of this new life.”** Until Jesus comes again, there will be opposition to ✦the Bible, ✦absolute right and wrong, ✦the condemning power of sin, and ✦Jesus’ saving work! Nevertheless, *even with the opposition*, many still need to hear, *so let us GO and TELL!*

Conclusion: Let us tell by:

- Having a personal conversation with someone!
- Making a phone call!
- Sending a text message!
- Sending an e-mail!

We cannot make anyone believe, but we can →sow the seeds of God’s Holy Word and →pray that He will grant the growth! Even today, *let us identify someone*; then, let us **GO and TELL!** And all God’s people said: *Amen!*

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“Go and Tell!”

Based on Acts 5:12-20 NIV

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Introduction: Dear friends in Christ, Jesus lived – *FOR ALL*, Jesus died – *FOR ALL*, and Jesus is alive – *FOREVERMORE!* We know and we have – *by grace through faith* – received the benefits of His saving work! But many have not yet heard what we know! *Most people probably believe:*

- I have sinned, *BUT I DON’T DESERVE HELL!*
- I have done some good, *SO GOD WILL SAVE ME!*

Such things make sense, *BUT THEY ARE NOT TRUE!* Therefore, *we know some very important things that people need to hear!* In this sermon, let’s note some key points that relate to the topic of **Go and Tell!**

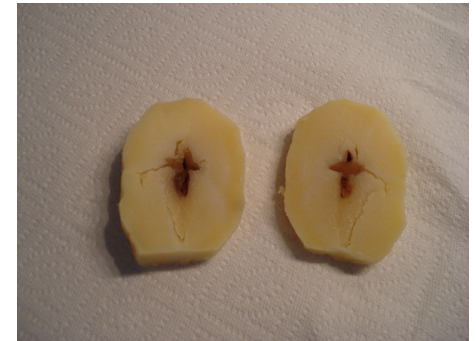
1. **God is Serious about Sin:** In Acts 5:1-11, *just before today’s text*, Ananias and Sapphira each told a lie; then,

immediately, they dropped dead! “The wages of sin is death...” (Rom. 6:23 NAS) So how did the sudden and unexpected death and Ananias and Sapphira affect the people? The Bible tells us: “Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.” (Acts 5:11 NIV) Now we go to today’s text.

2. **People Listened to the Apostles:** Regarding Sapphira, Peter said she would die; *then the Bible records: “At that moment she fell down...and died.”* (10) *So people were paying attention!* The Bible also says that ¹² **“The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders...”** Since the NT Scriptures had not yet been inspired, *God used the miracles to validate their words!*
3. **Hypocrites Stayed Away:** Ananias and Sapphira were hypocrites – *they SAID they were believers, but in reality THEY WERE NOT!* As word of their story spread, the hypocrites stayed away – *for fear of death!* ¹⁴ **Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.**
4. **Many Wanted and Needed God’s Blessings:** So many had become believers that the apostles could not individually minister to each one. Therefore, ¹⁵ **...people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.** ¹⁶ **Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed.”** Even today God wants to bless everyone, *both in body and in soul!*

5. **But Not Everyone Was Happy:** ¹⁷ **Then the high priest and all his associates... were filled with jealousy.** ¹⁸ **They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail.** *Even in today’s world, many are opposed to Jesus Christ and the saving truth of God’s Holy Word!* Let me give you a recent example:

- a. Did you hear about the woman on Easter Sunday who, when cutting potatoes for potato salad, found the shape of two crosses inside. You can view the story



and the many comments at this website:

<http://www.fox8.com/news/wjw-potato-cross-easter-txt,0,3636830.story>

- b. As of last Wednesday, 162 comments had been made. MANY were like this:
 - i. This nonsense is so annoying. (New Haven, CT)
 - ii. Your god is dead. (Denver, CO)
 - iii. Religion is nothing but superstitious BS and it saddens and amazes me that anyone in this day and age can still take any of it...seriously. People are absolute morons to believe this... (CA)
 - iv. You ultra-religious people are nothing more than sheep who are too weak to think for yourselves... This woman is a whackjob [crazy person, nut], so is anyone who talks to a guy who died over 2000 years ago. Ridiculous. (Zainesville, OH)

Jesus said that many will hate us – *because of Him!*