## **Religious Extremism**

Acts: 5:12-42

Acts: The Real Church

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Believers must understand this: <u>2 Ti 3:12</u> *Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.* Understand:

- 1. **Reasons** for religious rage (v.12-16).
  - a. They were **unified** (v.12).
  - b. They were **magnified** (v.13).
  - c. They were **multiplied** (v.14,16).
- 2. **Reality** of persecution *Mt 10:17* But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues.
  - a. They **publicly** arrested them v.18
  - b. They put them in public **prison** v.18
  - c. They made them stand before the **highest court** and give an answer v.27.
  - d. They plotted to give them capital punishment v.33
  - e. They **beat** them rods v.40.
- 3. **<u>Reactions</u>** to persecution
  - a. They **obeyed** their deliverer v.21.
  - *b.* They **<u>submitted</u>** to the authorities v.26.
  - c. They **preached** the gospel again v.29-32
- 4. **Reasons** for deliverance
  - a. God may deliver us **from** persecution v.19.
  - b. God may deliver us **through** persecution v.40.
  - c. God may deliver us **to himself** 7:54-60.
  - d. God never delivers us from our identifying witness.

Go, Stand, Speak!

## Jesus as Savior

- Lk 2:11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
- Jn 4:42 Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."
- Ac5:31 Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- Ac 13:23 From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior—Jesus—
- Eph5:23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
- Php 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,
- 2 Ti 1:10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
- Tt1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.
- Tt 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,
- Tt3:6 whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
- 2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 2Pe 1:11 for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- 2 Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.
- 2Pe 3:2 that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,
- 2 Pe 3:18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

1Jn 4:14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world.

## God as Savior

- Lk 1:47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.
- 1Ti 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,
- 1 Ti 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
- 1 Ti 4:10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.
- Tt 1:3 but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;
- Tt 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in all things.
- Tt3:4 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,
- Jud 25 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.