

# THEME: Witnesses For Christ Jesus.

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*"The apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number. As a result, 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. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and all of them were healed. Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people the full message of this new life." ..... Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men! The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead—whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."*

When there is a car accident the police will go around and interview as many witness as possible to get all the facts and put them together and get a clear picture of how and why the accident occurred.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He showed Himself to:

*"to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born." (I Corinthians 15:5-8)*

There were many eye witness accounts of the Resurrected Christ.

These witnesses then went out and proclaimed that Message to others.

When proclaiming the Word of the Lord we see from this section of Scripture some of the results of proclaiming that message.

Some are hesitant to believe, while others embrace the message of salvation.

We also see that proclaiming the Word of the Lord can lead to being put into prison or persecuted to some degree.

Are you willing to be a witness of the Risen Savior?