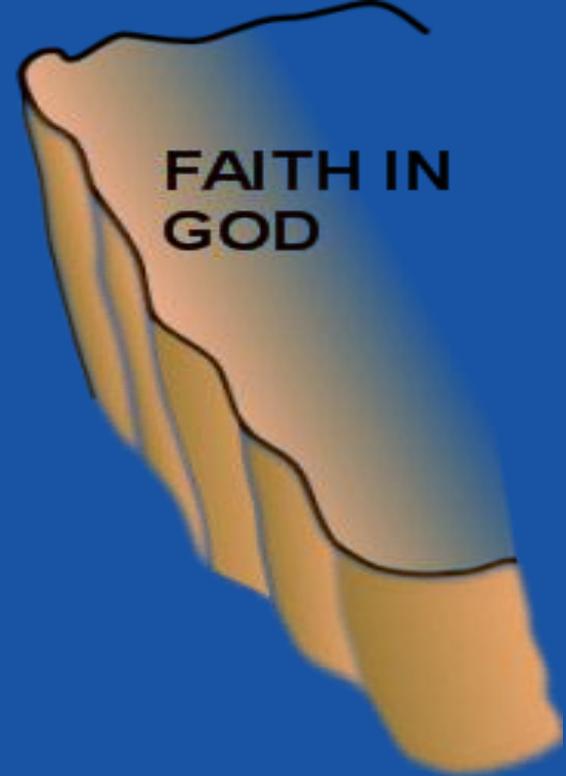
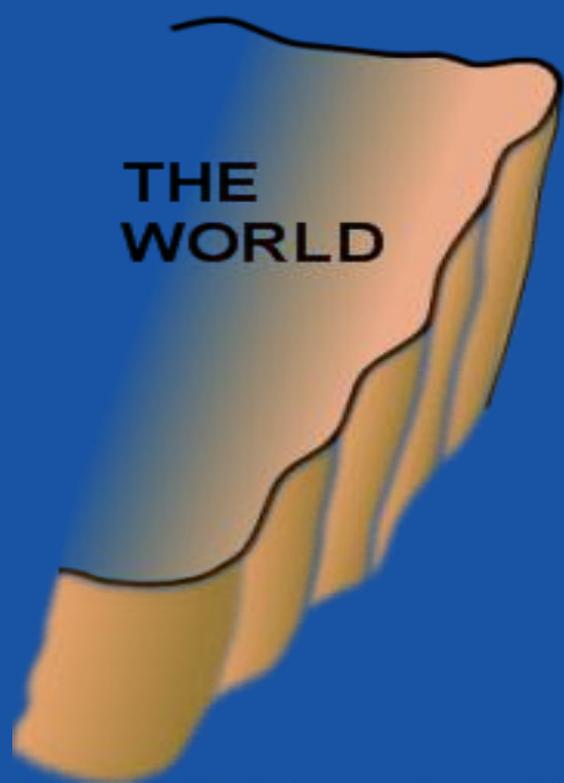


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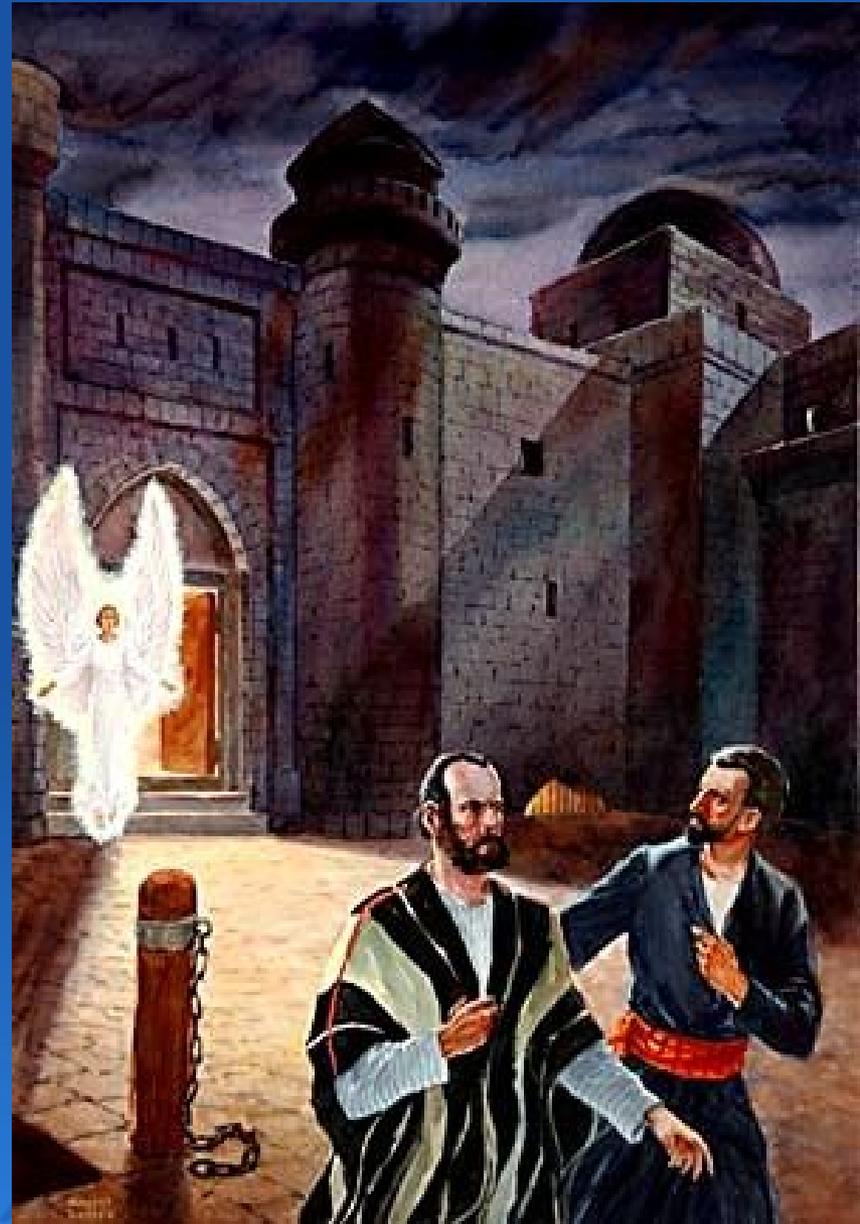
- The Temple warns, then flogs
- Rising tensions between Believers and Temple authorities
- The Synagogue will also begin to persecute the Believers
- Salvation changes everything
- We cannot separate our faith from our daily lives, behaviors, decisions and activities



- What has light to do with darkness?
- Persecution of Believers is inevitable
- Irony: a religion of peace and love was born, and shall remain, in conflict with the World
- When God orders one thing and human government the opposite, we must obey God!
- Civil disobedience is a route Believers must sometimes take

PETER ARRESTED AGAIN

- Angel of God breaks them out of jail at night
- The disciples were told to return to the Temple Mount and continue to teach about this “new life”
- Temple closed at night, so they waited until daybreak
- Prison officials dumbfounded because locks still on cell, and guards at their posts
- Peter and disciples found at the Temple
- They are treated respectfully because authorities feared a riot



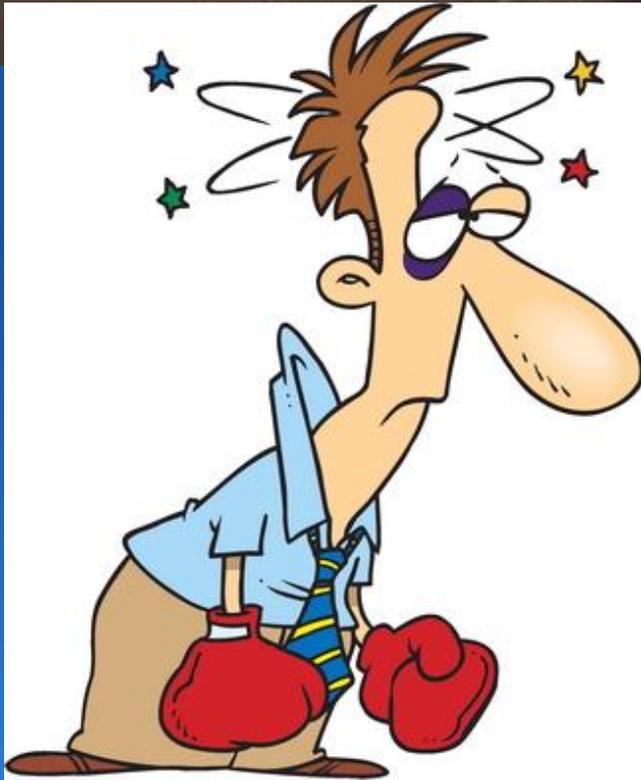
“His blood be upon us.....”

- Caiaphas’s real concern was the accusation that Christ’s blood was on him
- ***Dam naki*** = innocent blood
- Matthew 27:20 – 26
- It was the head priest Caiaphas who persuaded the crowd
- The crowd simply followed their leader
- No atonement in the Law for committing a crime against “blood” (murder)



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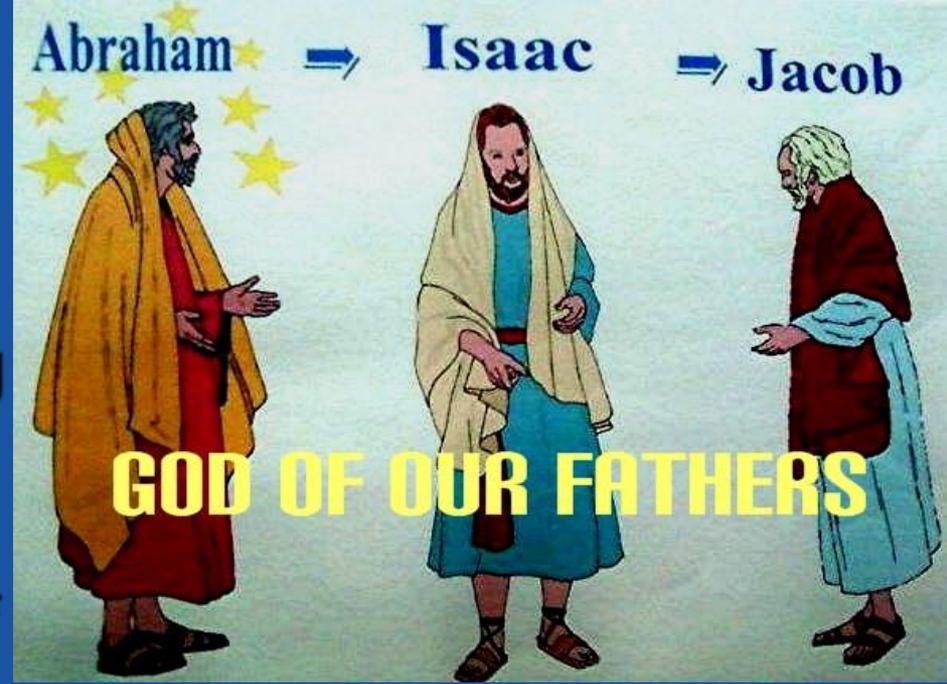
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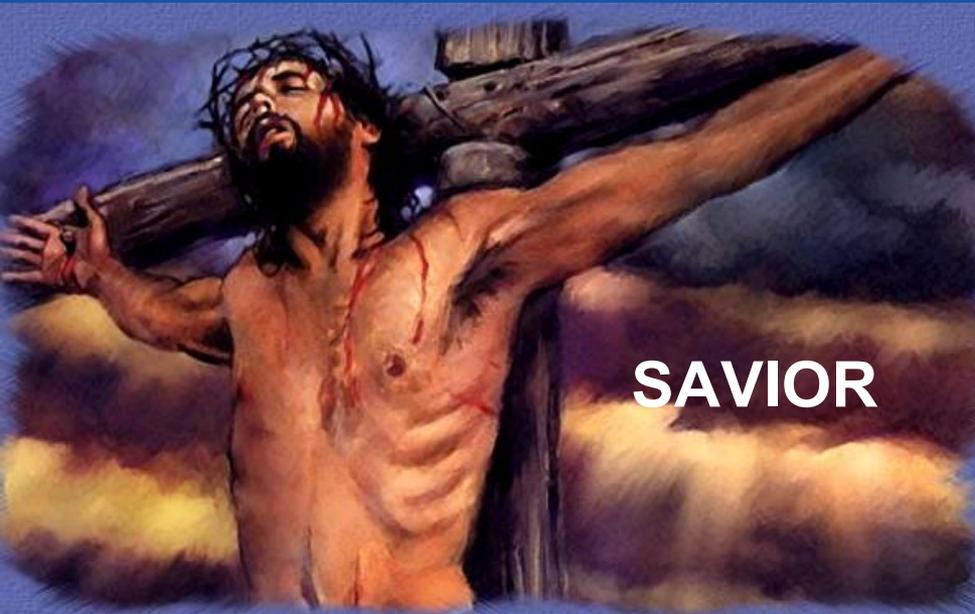
- Peter answers Caiaphas's question: ***"We must obey God rather than men"***
- He is speaking of civil disobedience
- Battered and bruised by immoral laws
- Peter shows us the way....but do we have the courage?
- Believers were afraid to join Peter at Solomon's Portico out of fear

PETER'S GOSPEL

- Peter begins by identifying who God is: He is the “God of our Fathers”
- God of Islam is the God of Abraham and Ishmael, who is the moon god and not YHWH
- Caiaphas had Yeshua killed, while YHWH exalted Yeshua
- God reversed man's decision



MESSIAH'S ATTRIBUTES



- How Yeshua died matters as Prophets predicted certain details
- Isaiah 50, 53
- Psalms 22, 34, 69
- Messiah is not only Savior, He is also Ruler
- This is so that Israel would do *t'shuvah*
- *T'shuvah* = repent
- God gives the Holy Spirit to all who obey Him
- To obey Him is to accept Messiah Yeshua

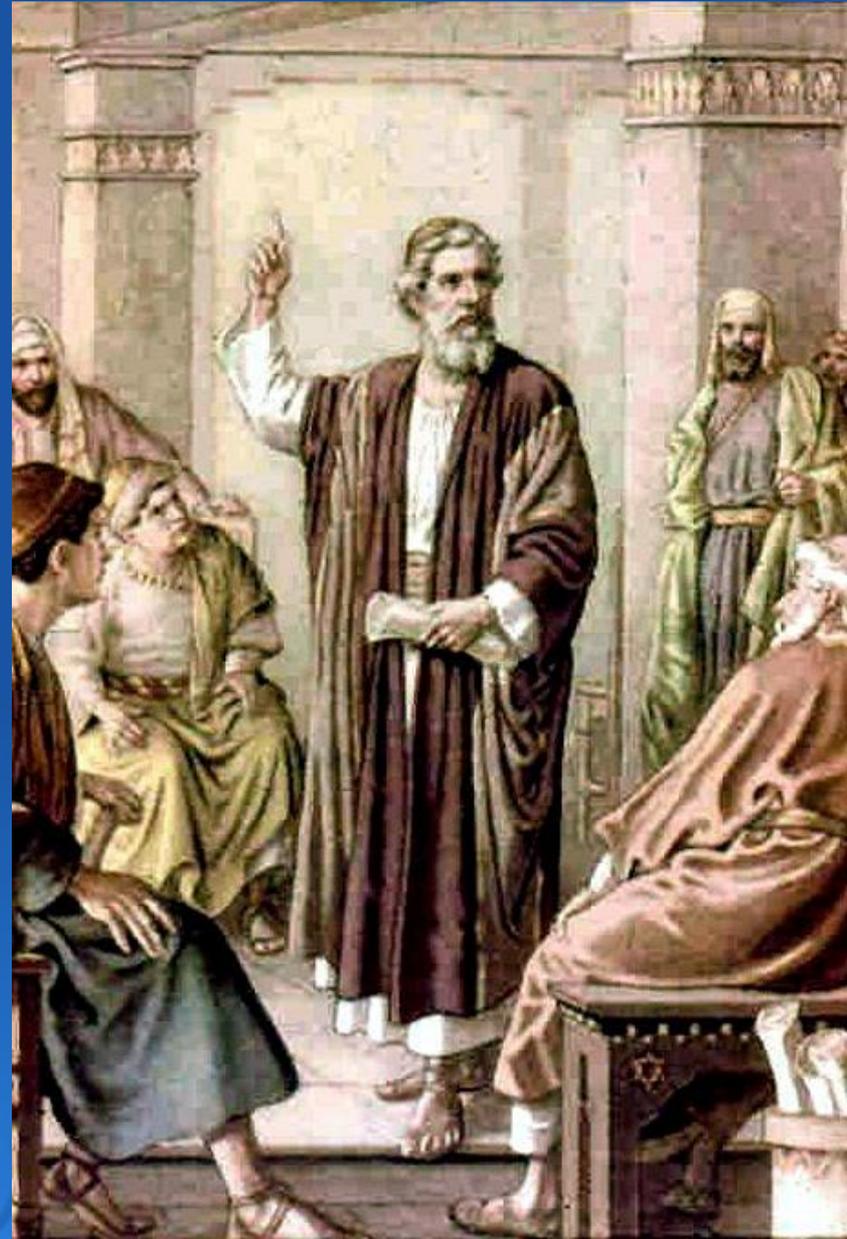


THE 7-POINT GOSPEL

- 1) God is the God of Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
- 2) Yeshua was executed by humans on a cross, fulfilling OT prophecies
- 3) God resurrected Yeshua from the dead
- 4) God exalted Yeshua and placed Him at His right hand in Heaven
- 5) Yeshua is not only Savior, He is also Ruler
- 6) Repentance of our sins is needed for forgiveness of our sins
- 7) All who believe and obey God will receive the Holy Spirit to indwell them

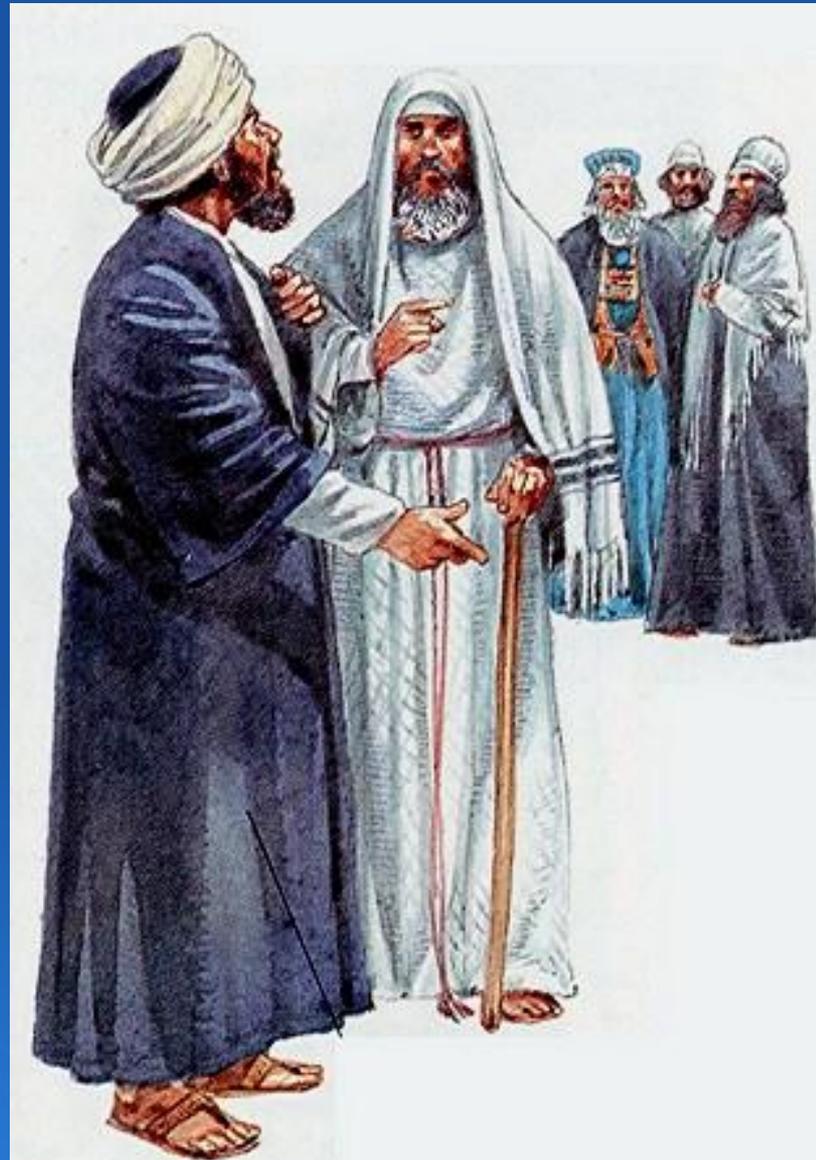
GAMALIEL TO THE RESCUE

- When people hear the Gospel they either are cut to the quick and open their hearts, or get angry and reject it
- Gamaliel a Pharisee, so part of the Synagogue
- Prestigious Pharisee family, unrivaled in Torah knowledge
- AKA Gamaliel the Elder
- Grandson is Gamaliel II
- Paul and Gamaliel were products of the Synagogue and NOT the Temple
- Synagogue looked to Oral Torah, Traditions
- Easier to understand Paul if we can grasp this fact, because it changes the meaning of his terms

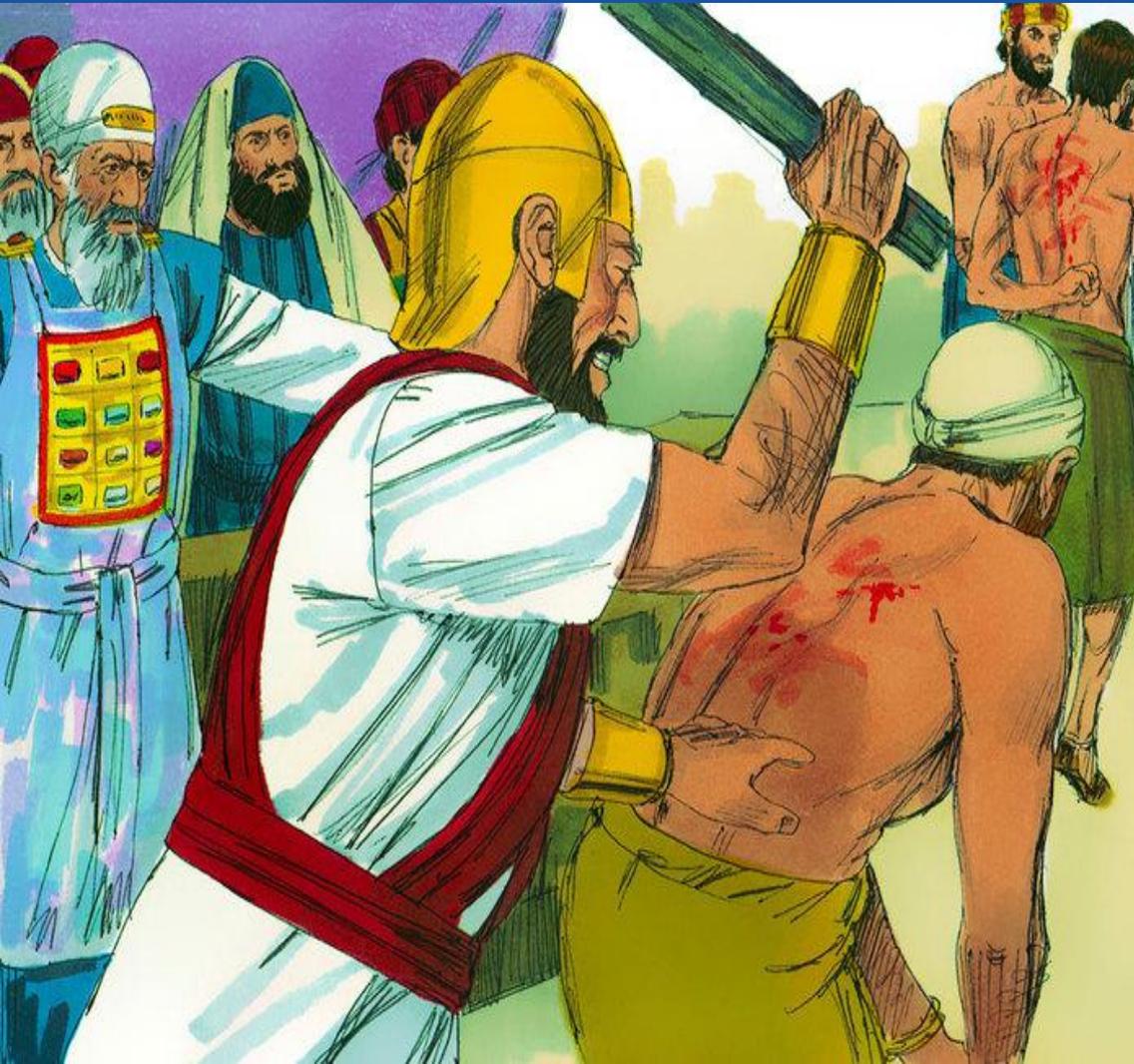


THE SANHEDRIN RELENTS

- Gamaliel's speech is mostly about enlightened self interest
- Radical movements tend to fall apart on their own when their leader dies
- Todah with 400 followers
- Judas the Galilean
- Therefore whether this is just another zealot movement or it's of God, no action is the best policy
- Pharisees sympathetic to their own Jewish people
- Their policy was not to turn Jews over to the Romans for capital punishment
- Sadducees co-operative with Romans



DISCIPLES FLOGGED AND RELEASED



- Flogged because they had broken law not to speak in the name of Yeshua
- A great victory for Christ !
- ***Atimazo*** = shame
- Shame is not a feeling of guilt; it is a demeaning social status
- Matt. 5:39 ***“Turn the other cheek”*** was about shame and honor
- Disciples continued in their civil disobedience