



An Angel Opens Prison Doors for the Apostles

(Acts 5:17–25)

The high priest and all who were with him were extremely jealous of the apostles, and threw them in jail. But that night, an angel opened the prison doors, freed the apostles, and said to them, “Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people about this new life.”

After hearing the angel’s instructions, the apostles entered the temple early in the morning and started teaching. Meanwhile, the high priest called together the council of Jewish elders, and sent an order to the prison to have the apostles brought in. But when the officers arrived at the prison, they couldn’t find the apostles. The officers returned and said, “The prison is fully locked up and all the guards are on duty at the gates, but when we opened the door, we couldn’t find anyone inside.”

When the high priest, the temple captain, and the chief priests heard this, they wondered what had happened to the prisoners. Then a man came and said, “The men you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people.”

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