

The Church on the Move: a Holy Community - Acts 5:1-11

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Introduction

- What were some of the early Christians doing at the end of Acts 4?

Acts 5:1-11

- What do Ananias and Sapphira do in v1-2?
- What does Luke's use of the word νοσφίζομαι (nosphizomai) prove about their actions?
- What does Peter say Ananias has done in v3-4?
- What happens next in v5-6, and what is the reaction to that?
- What does Sapphira do in v7-8?
- What is the result in v9-10?
- What is the response to that in v11?

Lessons

- What is the first lesson we can learn from this passage?
- Why do we sometimes not see our sin as grave?
- Give some examples of sins which Christians overlook.
- Do you think Ananias and Sapphira's sin looked bad to them?
- What should you do if there is some sin you're accommodating in your life?
- What is the second lesson we can learn from this passage?

- What does Satan do with Ananias?
- Who was responsible for Ananias' sin?
- What does Satan want in our lives?
- What are some of the things the Bible tells us about Satan?
- How should we respond to him according to James 4:7?
- What does that mean practically?
- What is the third lesson we can learn from this passage?
- Does what happened to Ananias and Sapphira seem harsh to some people?
- What sin did Achan commit in Joshua 7?
- What happened to the Israelites as a result?
- What happened to Achan in the end?
- Why is this significant when we think about Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5?
- What does God's absolute holiness demand from us?
- How should we respond to God's holiness?
- Why is it so important that we do not cherish sin in our lives?
- What do you need to do if you are not a Christian?