

**Acts 5:27-33**

<sup>27</sup> The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. <sup>28</sup> “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead —whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. <sup>32</sup> We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were furious and wanted to put them to death. *Acts 5:27-33 NIV*

1. What is the Sanhedrin?
2. What caused the high priest and the other leaders to bring in the apostles? Read Acts 5:17 to 27. Were they afraid? If so, why? Could Matthew 27:25 be eating at them?
3. In the end, did the Sanhedrin understand? What was their defense for reacting as they did?

**1 John 1:8-2:2**

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

<sup>2</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1. Read all of 1 John 1. Why would we claim to be without sin? What is the “light”?
2. Is it possible to attain perfection? Are there people in the world who think so?
3. When we confess our sins in the Church service and Pastor announces forgiveness, are there any conditions required for this to be true?
4. What did Jesus do for us and continue to do? How are we to feel about sin?
5. What does atoning sacrifice mean?
6. What are some examples today of denial of sin?

**John 14:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

*John 14:1-6 NIV*

1. What had been going on immediately prior to this? Look at chapter 13.
2. What is Jesus doing here in verses 1 thru 4?
3. Did any of the other disciples question Jesus? John 13:36; 14:5; 14:8; and 14:22
4. How did Jesus react to their questions and weak faith?