



1. Expect \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.17-21a)

2. Realize \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.21b-26)

3. Know \_\_\_\_\_  
(vv.27-32)

**Acts 5:17** But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy **18** they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. **19** But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, **20** "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." **21** And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. **22** But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, **23** "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." **24** Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. **25** And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." **26** Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. **27** And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, **28** saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." **29** But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. **31** God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." (ESV)

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at [SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org](mailto:SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org).

1. Read **John 3:27** and **John 19:10-11**. Why is the truth found in these passages (i.e., earthly leaders having derived and temporal authority versus inherent authority) so helpful for us as Christians to keep in view as we consider our civil authorities and their actions?
2. Read **Psalms 2**. How can the preeminence of the Son of God over all earthly authorities give you peace even if his judgment and accountability of those authorities is delayed?
3. Read **1 Timothy 2:1-4** and **Daniel 4:34-37**. What can you do to more consistently and sincerely pray for your government officials to think and rule as they ought?
4. Read **Philippians 3:20-21**; **Romans 13:1-7** and **1 Corinthians 8:5-6**. What advice would you give a new Christian to wisely navigate the remainder of his or her life as a good and godly citizen of two kingdoms?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 3:16-23** and **1 Timothy 3:14-16**. What sorts of broad and positive impact does the Church have when it is functioning as God intended?

*This Week's  
Bible Reading Schedule*

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
*Ezk.27-28 & Jms.4*

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
*Ezk.29-31 & Jms.5*

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.32-33 & 1Pt.1*

**November 25<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.34-35 & 1Pt.2*

**November 26<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.36-37 & 1Pt.3*

**November 27<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.38-39 & 1Pt.4*

**November 28<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.40 & 1Pt.5*

**November 29<sup>th</sup>**  
*Ezk.41-42 & 2Pt.1*

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 20-07 – **Resolved to Keep Speaking**  
Msg. 18-06 – **Living as Christ's Expatriates**  
Msg. 11-21 – **Elections, Activism, & Civil Disobedience**  
Msg. 11-20 – **Obedience, Honor, & April 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Msg. 18-04 – **Submitting to Christ's Sovereign Authority**  
Msg. 11-18 – **Human Laws & Christian Conduct**  
Msg. 18-03 – **Adopting Christ's Regal Priorities**

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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