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¹ وَرَجُلٌ اسْمُهُ حَنَانِيَّا وَامْرَأَتُهُ سَفِيرَةُ بَاعَ مُلْكًا² وَاخْتَلَسَ مِنَ الثَّمَنِ وَامْرَأَتُهُ لَهَا خَبْرٌ ذَلِكَ وَأَتَى يَجْزِيَهُ وَوَصَعَهُ عِنْدَ رَجُلِ الرُّسُلِ.³ فَقَالَ بَطْرُسُ: يَا حَنَانِيَّا، لِمَاذَا مَلَأَ الشَّيْطَانُ قَلْبَكَ لِتَكْذِبَ عَلَى الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ وَتُخْتَلِسَ مِنْ تَمَنِ الْحَقْلِ؟⁴ أَلَيْسَ وَهُوَ بَاقٍ كَانَ يَبْقَى لَكَ؟ وَلِمَا بَيْعَ، أَلَمْ يَكُنْ فِي سُلْطَانِكَ؟ فَمَا بَالُكَ وَصَعْتَ فِي قَلْبِكَ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ؟ أَنْتَ لَمْ تَكْذِبْ عَلَى النَّاسِ بَلْ عَلَى اللَّهِ.⁵ فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ حَنَانِيَّا هَذَا الْكَلَامَ وَقَعَ وَمَاتَ. وَصَارَ خَوْفٌ عَظِيمٌ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوا بِذَلِكَ.⁶ فَتَهَضَّ الْأَحْدَاثُ وَلَقَوْهُ وَحَمَلُوهُ خَارِجًا وَدَفَنُوهُ.

⁷ ثُمَّ حَدَثَ بَعْدَ مُدَّةٍ ثَلَاثِ سَاعَاتٍ أَنَّ امْرَأَتَهُ دَخَلَتْ وَلَيْسَ لَهَا خَبْرٌ مَا جَرَى.⁸ فَأَجَابَهَا بَطْرُسُ: قُولِي لِي، أَيُّ هَذَا الْمِقْدَارِ يَغْنُمُ الْحَقْلَ؟ فَقَالَتْ: نَعَمْ، يَهَذَا الْمِقْدَارُ.⁹ فَقَالَ لَهَا بَطْرُسُ: مَا بَالُكُمْ اتَّفَقْتُمَا عَلَى تَجْرِيَةِ رُوحِ الرَّبِّ؟ هُوَذَا رَجُلٌ الَّذِينَ دَفَنُوا رَجُلَكَ عَلَى الْبَابِ وَسَيَحْمِلُونَكَ خَارِجًا.¹⁰ فَوَقَعْتَ فِي الْحَالِ عِنْدَ رَجُلَيْهِ وَمَاتَتْ. فَدَخَلَ الشَّيْطَانُ وَوَجَدُوهَا مَيِّتَةً فَحَمَلُوهَا خَارِجًا وَدَفَنُوهَا بِجَانِبِ رَجُلِهَا.¹¹ فَصَارَ خَوْفٌ عَظِيمٌ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْكَنِيسَةِ وَعَلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ سَمِعُوا بِذَلِكَ.

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¹² وَخَرَّتْ عَلَى أَيْدِي الرُّسُلِ آيَاتٌ وَعَجَائِبُ كَثِيرَةٌ فِي الشَّعْبِ، وَكَانَ الْجَمِيعُ يَنْفُسُ وَاحِدَةً فِي رِوَاقٍ سَلِيمَانٍ.¹³ وَأَمَّا الْآخَرُونَ فَلَمْ يَكُنْ أَحَدٌ مِنْهُمْ يَجْسُرُ أَنْ يَلْتَصِقَ بِهِمْ، لَكِنْ كَانَ الشَّعْبُ يُعْطَمُهُمْ.¹⁴ وَكَانَ مُؤْمِنُونَ يَصْضَمُونَ لِلرَّبِّ أَكْثَرَ، جَمَاهِيرٌ مِنْ رِجَالٍ وَنِسَاءٍ،¹⁵ حَتَّى إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَحْمِلُونَ الْمَرْضَى خَارِجًا فِي السَّيَّوَارِعِ وَيَضَعُونَهُمْ عَلَى فُرْشٍ وَأَسِرَةٍ حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءَ بَطْرُسُ يُخَيِّمُ وَلَوْ ظَلَهُ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ.¹⁶ وَاجْتَمَعَ جُمْهُورُ الْمَدِينِ الْمُحِيطَةِ إِلَى أَوْرُسَلِيمَ حَامِلِينَ مَرْضَى وَمُعَدِّينَ مِنْ أَرْوَاحٍ تَجِسَّةٍ وَكَانُوا يُبْرَأُونَ جَمِيعُهُمْ.

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¹⁷ فَقَامَ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ مَعَهُ، الَّذِينَ هُمْ شَيْعَةُ الصِّدُوقِيِّينَ، وَامْتَلَأُوا غَبْرَةً¹⁸ فَالَقُوا أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَلَى الرُّسُلِ وَوَضَعُوهُمْ فِي حَبْسِ الْعَامَّةِ.¹⁹ وَلَكِنَّ مَلَكَ الرَّبِّ فِي اللَّيْلِ فَتَحَ أَبْوَابَ السَّجْنِ وَأَخْرَجَهُمْ وَقَالَ: اذْهَبُوا، قُفُّوا، وَكَلِّمُوا الشَّعْبَ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ بِجَمِيعِ كَلَامِ هَذِهِ الْحَيَاةِ.²¹ فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا دَخَلُوا الْهَيْكَلَ نَحْوَ الصُّبْحِ وَجَعَلُوا

¹ But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,² And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.³ But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?⁴ Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.⁵ And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.⁶ And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him.⁷ And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.⁸ And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much.⁹ Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out.¹⁰ Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband.¹¹ And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.¹² And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.)¹³ And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the

يُعَلِّمُونَ. ثُمَّ جَاءَ رَئِيسُ الْكَهَنَةِ وَالَّذِينَ مَعَهُ وَدَعَا
الْمَجْمَعِ وَكُلَّ مَسِيحَةِ بَنِي إِسْرَائِيلَ فَأَرْسَلُوا إِلَى الْحَبْسِ
لِيُؤْتَى بِهِمْ.²² وَلَكِنَّ الْخُدَّامَ لَمَّا جَاءُوا لَمْ يَجِدُوهُمْ فِي
السَّجْنِ فَزَجَعُوا وَأَخْبَرُوا²³ قَائِلِينَ: إِنَّا وَجَدْنَا الْحَبْسَ
مُغْلَقًا بِكُلِّ حِرْصٍ وَالْحُرَّاسَ وَاقِفِينَ خَارِجًا أَمَامَ الْأَبْوَابِ
وَلَكِنَّ لَمَّا فَتَحْنَا لَمْ نَجِدْ فِي الدَّاخلِ أَحَدًا.

²⁴ فَلَمَّا سَمِعَ الْكَاهِنُ وَقَائِدُ جُنْدِ الْهَيْكَلِ وَرُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ
هَذِهِ الْأَقْوَالَ ارْتَابُوا مِنْ جَهَنِّهِمْ، مَا عَسَى أَنْ يَصِيرَ
هَذَا.²⁵ ثُمَّ جَاءَ وَاحِدٌ وَأَخْبَرَهُمْ قَائِلًا: هُوَذَا الرِّجَالُ الَّذِينَ
وَصَّغْتُمُوهُمْ فِي السَّجْنِ هُمْ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ وَاقِفِينَ يُعَلِّمُونَ
الشَّعْبَ.²⁶ حِينَئِذٍ مَضَى قَائِدُ الْخُدَّامِ مَعَ الْخُدَّامِ فَأَخْضَرَهُمْ
لَا يُعْطَفُ لَأَنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يَخْفَوْنَ الشَّعْبَ لِئَلَّا يَرْجُمُوا.

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²⁷ فَلَمَّا أَخْضَرُوهُمْ أَوْفَعُوهُمْ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ، فَسَأَلَهُمْ رَئِيسُ
الْكَهَنَةِ²⁸ قَائِلًا: أَمَا أَوْصَيْتُكُمْ وَصِيَّةً أَنْ لَا تُعَلِّمُوا بِهَذَا
الْإِسْمِ؟ وَهَا أَنْتُمْ قَدْ مَلَأْتُمْ أَوْشَلِيمَ بِتُعْلِيمِكُمْ وَتُزِيدُونَ
أَنْ تَحْلُبُوا عَلَيْنَا دَمَ هَذَا الْإِنْسَانِ.²⁹ فَأَجَابَ بَطْرُسُ
وَالرُّسُلَ وَقَالُوا: يَتَّبِعِي أَنْ يُطَاعَ اللَّهُ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ
النَّاسِ.³⁰ إِلَهُ آبَائِنَا أَقَامَ يَسُوعَ الَّذِي أَنْتُمْ قَتَلْتُمُوهُ مُعْلَقِينَ
إِلَّاهَ عَلَى حَسْبَةِ³¹. هَذَا رَفَعَهُ اللَّهُ بِيَمِينِهِ رَئِيسًا وَمُخْلِصًا
لِنُعْطِيَ إِسْرَائِيلَ التَّوْبَةَ وَغُفْرَانَ الْخَطَايَا.³² وَتَحْنُ شُهُودٌ
لَهُ بِهَذِهِ الْأُمُورِ وَالرُّوحُ الْقُدُسُ أَيْضًا الَّذِي أُعْطَاهُ اللَّهُ
لِلَّذِينَ يُطِيعُونَهُ.

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³³ فَلَمَّا سَمِعُوا خَفُوا وَجَعَلُوا يَتَشَاوَرُونَ أَنْ
يَقْتُلُوهُمْ.³⁴ فَقَامَ فِي الْمَجْمَعِ رَجُلٌ قَرِيبِيَّ اسْمُهُ
عَمَلَائِيلُ، مُعَلِّمٌ لِلثَّامُوسِ، مُكَرَّمٌ عِنْدَ جَمِيعِ الشَّعْبِ،
وَأَمَرَ أَنْ يُخْرَجَ الرُّسُلُ قَلِيلًا.³⁵ ثُمَّ قَالَ لَهُمْ: أَيُّهَا الرِّجَالُ
الْإِسْرَائِيلِيُّونَ، اخْتَرُوا لَأَنْفُسِكُمْ مِنْ جِهَةٍ هَذِهِ النَّاسِ
فِي مَا أَنْتُمْ مُزْمِعُونَ أَنْ تَفْعَلُوا.³⁶ لِأَنَّهُ قِيلَ هَذِهِ الْأَيَّامِ
قَامَ نُونَاثُ قَائِلًا عَنْ نَفْسِهِ إِنَّهُ سَيِّءٌ، الَّذِي التَّصَقَّى بِهِ
عَدُوٌّ مِنَ الرِّجَالِ تَحْتِ أَرْبَعِمِئَةٍ، الَّذِي قُتِلَ وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ
انْقَادُوا إِلَيْهِ تَبَدَّدُوا وَصَارُوا لَا سَيِّءَ.³⁷ بَعْدَ هَذَا قَامَ يَهُودَا
الْجَلِيلِيُّ فِي أَيَّامِ الْاِكْتِتَابِ وَأَزَاعَ وَرَاءَهُ شَعْبًا عَفِيرًا.
فَذَلِكَ أَيْضًا هَلَكَ وَجَمِيعُ الَّذِينَ انْقَادُوا إِلَيْهِ
تَسْتَشُوا.³⁸ وَالْآنَ أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: تَنَحَّجُوا عَنْ هَؤُلَاءِ النَّاسِ
وَأَنْزِلُوكُمُ، لِأَنَّهُ إِنْ كَانَ هَذَا الرَّأْيُ أَوْ هَذَا الْعَمَلُ مِنَ
النَّاسِ فَسَوْفَ يَنْتَقِصُ،³⁹ وَإِنْ كَانَ مِنَ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَقْدِرُونَ

people magnified them.¹⁴ And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)¹⁵ Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.¹⁶ There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation,¹⁸ And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common prison.¹⁹ But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,²⁰ Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life.²¹ And when they heard that, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.²² But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,²³ Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.²⁴ Now when the high priest and the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.²⁵ Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the

أَنْ تَقْضُوهُ، لِئَلَّا تُؤْخَذُوا مُحَارِبِينَ لِلَّهِ أَيْضًا.

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⁴⁰ فَأَتَقَادُوا إِلَيْهِ، وَدَعَا الرَّسُلَ وَجَلَدُوهُمْ وَأَوْصَوْهُمْ أَنْ لَا يَتَكَلَّمُوا بِاسْمِ يَسُوعَ ثُمَّ أَطْلَفُوهُمْ. ⁴¹ وَأَمَّا هُمْ فَدَهَبُوا قَرَجِينَ مِنْ أَمَامِ الْمَجْمَعِ لِأَنَّهُمْ خُشِبُوا مُسْتَاهِلِينَ أَنْ يُهَانُوا مِنْ أَجْلِ اسْمِهِ. ⁴² وَكَانُوا لَا يَزَالُونَ كُلَّ يَوْمٍ فِي الْهَيْكَلِ وَفِي الْبُيُوتِ مُعَلِّمِينَ وَمُبَشِّرِينَ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحَ.

men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. ²⁶ Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, ²⁸ Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. ²⁹ Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. ³¹ Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. ³³ When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them. ³⁴ Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space; ³⁵ And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. ³⁶ For before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. ³⁷ After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the

taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, even as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.³⁸ And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:³⁹ But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.⁴⁰ And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.⁴¹ And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.⁴² And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ.