

# Whom to Obey: God or Man?

Acts 5:33-42

PART TWO

## Introduction

"There are none so blind as those who *will* not see."

**The most self-deluded people on earth are those who choose to deny that which they know is true.**

**An extreme case of wicked, willful denial of the truth: *The religious leaders of the Sanhedrin***

Acts 23:6-10

***"When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them."*** (v33)

Acts 9:22-23

*What's going on here?*

**Rejecters of Jesus Christ detest godly men and women who wear His garment of righteousness.**

"The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him." Psalm 37:12

"The wicked watches for the righteous and seeks to put him to death." Psalm 37:32

Psalm 37:14-15

Jesus addressed the murderous, religious hypocrites: Matthew 23:34-36

"The problem with preachers today is that nobody wants to kill them." Steve Lawson

**Gamaliel's 'do nothing,' 'wait-and-see' advice: vv34-39**

***'Choose you this day'; 'who do you say that I am?'***

2 Corinthians 5:18

2 Corinthians 6:1-3

*"He who hesitates is lost"*

In other words, a person who spends too much time mired in doubt, dithering about what to do, risks losing the opportunity to act altogether.

## **The Great Chicago Fire of 1871**

***"For man does not know his time..."*** Ecclesiastes 9:12

"...because you did not know the time of your visitation." Luke 19:41-44

**Neutrality is opposition. Not to choose Jesus is to reject Him.**

“Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.” Matthew 12:30

*Is Jesus Messiah or myth?*

The disciples didn't hesitate. They acted upon that which they knew was undeniably true. And they knew what it would cost them.

**vv40-42**

“I bear on my body the marks of Jesus” (Galatians 6:17).