



## You Can't Stop Them!

"Please step aside to hear what Peter is saying!" someone in the crowd cried out.

The people of Jerusalem gathered around to hear what the apostles were preaching. Those who believed in the Lord increased. Large numbers of men and women came to Jerusalem with the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. After a while, the high priest and some of his associates, called "Sadducees," became very jealous of the apostles. They complained, "All these people are in the temple to hear Peter preach about Jesus? Those followers of Jesus are ignorant men, and have never studied the books of the Law like we have!"

"But nobody can deny that something has happened to these men," said one of the Sadducees. "Have you seen the miracles done in the name of Jesus?"

"Yes, it's amazing!" said another in the group. "They speak with authority, and we have seen how they have healed people in the name of Jesus Christ."

"It seems to me that you have started to believe all of this," shouted the High priest. "I don't care what good these men have done. I'm furious that they keep saying that Jesus rose from the dead! If they continue with that, they will convince everyone that Jesus is the Messiah."

Then they arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But that night, an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and set them free, saying, "Go, stand in the temple courts and tell the people all about this new life."

The next day, when the high priest and his associates arrived at the temple,

