

they summoned all of the Elders of Israel and ordered the guards, "Bring the prisoners for interrogation!"

When the guards found the prison cells securely locked and no one inside, they reported back to the assembly, "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside."

Then someone came and told them that the men who were put in jail were standing in the temple court teaching the people.

The high priest was furious. He said to the apostles, "You were warned to stop teaching about Jesus and have not obeyed our

orders!" In response, they said, "We must obey God rather than men."

The members of the court were so angry that they wanted to kill the apostles. But Gamaliel, a beloved leader of the group, stood and said, "Leave these men alone! Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. But if it is from God, you won't be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God."