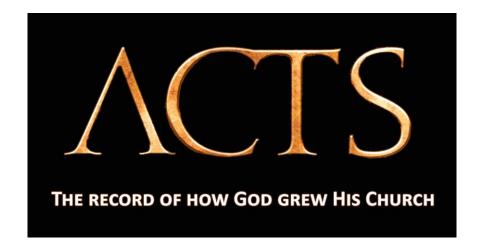
Personal Application and Interaction

- 1. Last week we were challenged to pray for boldness as we represent our Savior to those who have yet to place their trust in him. How's that gone for you this week?
- 2. Let's try an exercise in boldness as we prepare for Easter. Challenge yourself to approach 3-5 people, with whom you're on a first name basis, and ask them a couple of questions. Please let us know how they responded between now and Palm Sunday (3/25). You can share what you learned on the Welcome Card; send an email (revploog@gmail.com), or text message (562-900-4446). You may want to start by saying, "My pastor has asked us to help him prepare for Easter by asking a few people two questions. Will you please help me with his request?"

So, here are the 2 questions:

- When you hear the word "hope" what's the first thing that comes to mind?
- Some people say that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives them a lot of hope. How do you relate to that notion?
- 3. When you "go public...with the full message of this new life" (v. 20), what do you want to clearly communicate?
- 4. The great Jewish teacher Gamaliel urged the Sanhedrin to be careful about how they handled their response to those who spoke in the name of Jesus (5:33-40). He pointed out that those who were driven by their own human efforts would fail while those whose purpose and method was from God would be unstoppable. What's the message in this for all of us?



Unstoppable

Acts 5:12-42

Pastor John February 4, 2018



Today is Super Bowl Sunday pitting the New England Patriots against the Philadelphia Eagles. Let me assure you, I have nothing riding on the game. I also know that there are many people in my world who are **not** pulling for the Patriots. Isn't that a bit "unpatriotic"? There are also sports enthusiasts who think the Patriots under Tom Brady are **unstoppable**. Dynasties arise in sports (the Yankees and Patriots), political families, nation states, the arts, and countless other pursuits. They rise and fall. Eventually, even the great ones run out of gas. But, I find the argument of the Jewish teacher Gamaliel, who counseled the enemies of Jesus, to be a confidence builder for every generation of His followers. His Kingdom is unstoppable.

Go public (Acts 5:20)

A message that's unstoppable (5:38-39)

The chosen never let up (5:41-42)