

Temple Chiasm

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And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts		And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

3:1—4:31		[B] Peter Heals & Preaches → Arrest & Release	5:12-41
3:1-10	Peter heals lame man	Apostles healed many sick people	5:12-16
3:11-26	Peter preaches in Solomon’s portico	Apostles arrested	5:17-18
	“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life” (3:14-15)	Miraculously released	5:19
4:1-22	Peter arrested	Preach	5:20-21a, 25
	“Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God , you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” (4:19-20)	Rearrested	5:21b-32
4:23-31	Peter released	“We must obey God rather than men ” (5:29) “The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree” (5:30)	
	So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus ... ²¹ And when they had further threatened them, they let them go (4:18, 21) When they were released, they ...reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God (4:23-24)	Released when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus , and let them go (5:40) Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name (5:41)	5:33-41

[C] Generous Spirit-Filled Community (4:32—5:11)

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.