

# Today's Message

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## ***THE MESSAGE OF ACTS: GOD'S ONGOING REDEMPTIVE MISSION***

# **"Jesus: Giver of Life"**

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*"Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 'Go, stand in the temple courts,' he said, 'and tell the people the full message of this new life.'" (Acts 5:17-20)*

***"this new life" involves:***

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Giver of Life \_\_\_\_\_

*"You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this." (Acts 3:15)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ A Way of Life \_\_\_\_\_

*"Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem." (Acts 9:1-2)*

*"However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way..." (Acts 24:14)*

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- If you were to describe Christianity in one word, what word would it be?
- What does it mean to describe Jesus as the "author of life"? What type of life does he give?
- Clearly the message of Jesus was threatening to the religious establishment of Jerusalem. Luke states that the Sadducees were "filled with jealousy" (Acts 5:17). In what ways is the message of Christ threatening today?
- Christianity is not simply about the giver of life, it is also about a "way of life." In fact, in the earliest period of Christianity, Christians were described as people of "the Way." How would you explain this concept?
- As we prepare for the 40 Days of Prayer, for whom will you be praying?

