Challenges In The First Century
(Part 1)

1 Kings 19:1-10

The Challenge Of Sin In The Camp

- cf. Josh. 7:10-11

Tremendous growth in the church.

Acts 2:41 Three thousand

Acts 4:4 Five thousand

Acts 6:7 "Number of disciples increased greatly."

Acts 9:31 "So the church throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and, walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied."

Acts 11:24 "…and much people was added unto the Lord."

The Challenge Of Sin In The Camp

Acts 5:1-11 First recorded sin in the church.

1. Peter exposed their sin and they both died.
2. Acts 5:11 "And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things."

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1 Cor. 5:1-7 Even a small amount of leaven would contaminate the whole lump.

1. Note: verses 3-4 By the authority of Christ, the guilty was to be disciplined.
2. Keep the church morally pure.
   Ephesus. Revelation 2:2
   Thyatira. Revelation 2:20
   Sardis. Revelation 3:4

The Challenge From Authorities

Authority of the Jews. (Acts 4:5-10)

1. Court put on trial … "Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard." (Acts 4:19-20; cf. 1 Peter 4:14-16)

The Challenge From Authorities

Authority of the Jews. (Acts 5:17-32)

1. "We must obey God rather than men..." (Acts 5:29)
2. Note: (Acts 5:41-42)

3. Stephen stoned. (Acts 7)

The Challenge From Authorities

Authority of the Jews. (Acts 9:1-2)
- "But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord…"

The Challenge From Authorities

Authority of Herod. Acts 12:1-3
1. Death of James.
2. Arrest of Peter.

The Challenge From Authorities

Authority of the Magistrates in Philippi. (Acts 16:22-34)
1. Paul and Silas arrested, beaten and imprisoned. (Acts 16:22-24)
2. Returned to Lydia's house. (Acts 16:35-40)