



2nd Sunday in Easter
2020

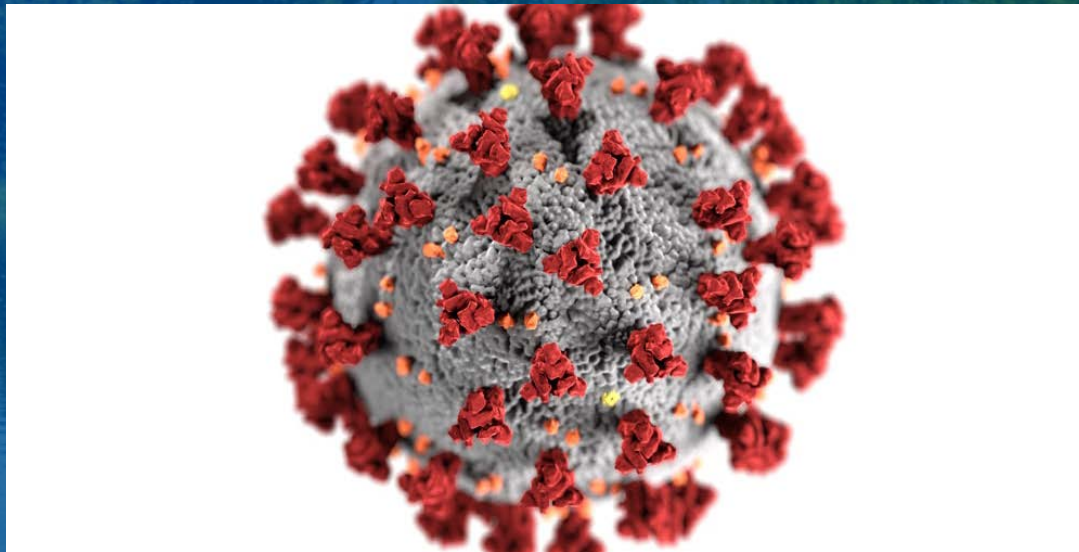
Who do you Obey?

Acts 5:29

Social Distancing?

“Stay Home, Stay Safe”

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Background

Daniel 7:13-14

- *“¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.
¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”*

Various Authors. The Lutheran Study Bible . Concordia Publishing House. Kindle Edition.





Jewish Education

1st Century

Most Rabbis

- Would teach students based upon interpretations of others.
 - Rabbi “A” said this. . .
 - Rabbi “B” said that. . .

Rabbis with “Smikah”

- Could interpret the Scriptures themselves.
 - Only about 5 Rabbis in the 1st Century had it.
 - Gamaliel (Paul’s Rabbi) was one of them.

Wise man?

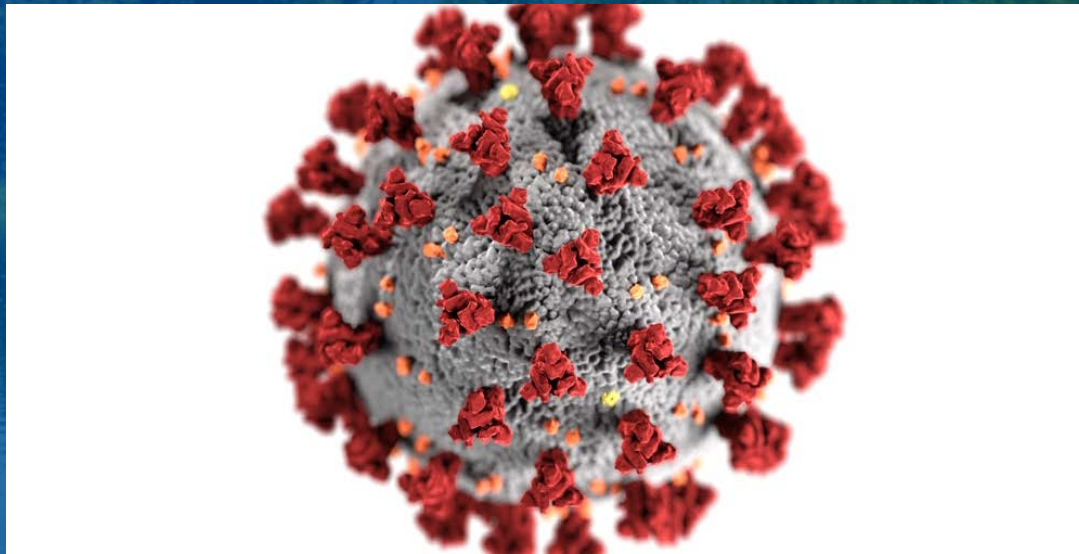
- Paul gained audiences because of his famous teacher



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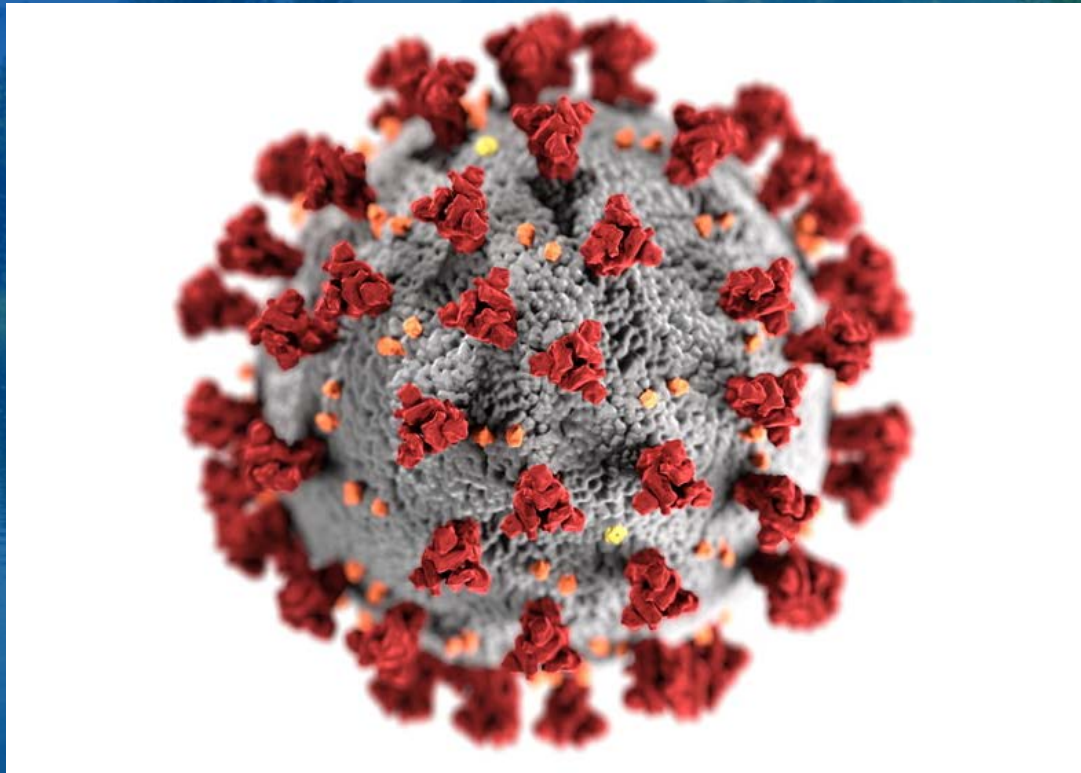
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Different today?

Today. Attempt to control a global pandemic



Back then. Attempt to stop Christianity



Do we obey man?

- Is the goal to restrict religious liberty, restrict the spread of the Gospel, or is the goal something else?
- Is the infringement only being applied to Christians, or is it being applied equally to all?
- Are these restrictions temporary or permanent?
- Are there any work arounds for the restrictions where you can still share the Gospel and comply?
- Is God trying to open your eyes to new ways of sharing the Gospel that you haven't considered?





Your own “Acts 5:29” Moment

How will you respond?