

The narrator of Acts refuses to idolise his picture of the primitive community, and lest his readers should over-estimate the unity and sanctity of the Christian body in those early days, he has put on record here one of those accounts which not only illustrate the honest realism of the Bible but also serves as a warning to its readers.



20 Achan replied, "It is true!
I have sinned against the Lord,
the God of Israel.

This is what I have done:

21 When I saw in the plunder
a beautiful robe from Babylonia,
two hundred shekels of silver
and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels,
I coveted them and took them.
They are hidden in the ground
inside my tent,
with the silver underneath."



22 So Joshua sent messengers,
and they ran to the tent,
and there it was, hidden in his tent,
with the silver underneath.

23 They took the things from the tent,
brought them to Joshua
and all the Israelites and spread them
out before the Lord.

JOSHUA 7:20-23



Try as we may,
we cannot imagine Christ
acting towards sinners,
as saint Peter is here
represented as doing.

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