



LESSON 4

ACTS 4:5-31

1. What verse or truth did you most appreciate in our study of **Acts 3:1-4:4**, and how were you able to put that verse or truth into action?

2. Read **Acts 4:5-31**, in which we see the religious leaders clash with people who are forging a new way in **Jesus**. Have you ever observed or been caught up in a power struggle and what is your major take away from that experience?

3. In what situation do we find Peter and John in **V5-7**, including what they were asked? What did they know about Annas and Caiaphas? Review **John 18:12-14**, **Acts 3:1-10** and **4:1-4** for background.

4. Read **Acts 4:8-12**.

a) What do you find significant about Peter's ability to proclaim truth under pressure and how does he explain the healing of the lame man?

b) Write a truth about the uniqueness of the name of **Jesus of Nazareth** from **V12**. (Note: A truth is true for all times and for all people, everywhere.) Make note of a few people that come to mind where you desire boldness to proclaim this truth to them.

5. a) From **V13-22**, what did the Sanhedrin notice about Peter and John and the effect of the healing? What were the Sanhedrin concerned about and what were some of their tactics?

b) How do Peter and John respond in **V19-20**, after they were commanded not to speak or teach, and how does this convict or encourage you?

6. When have you been presented with a choice to do what is right in **God's** eyes or to comply with the voices of our culture? What did you learn about **God** in the process and/or about yourself?

7. When Peter and John reported what had been said, how did the people respond and what did they acknowledge about **God** in **V23-25a**?
8. In **V25b-26**, **Psalm 2** is quoted. What did King David understand about **Messiah's** reception and how did that play out according to **Acts 4:27-28**?
9. What did the believers request of **God** in their prayer in **V29-31** and how did He answer them? Comment if anything surprises you about their prayer or if you might have prayed differently in that situation.
10. **REFLECT ON THE WORDS OF JESUS**
- Jesus** claimed, "**I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**" **John 14:6**. Consider again **Acts 4:12** and the names you noted in question 4b. Reflect on the truths in these verses and write a prayer for the boldness to proclaim salvation in His name.

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PRAYER REQUEST