

“...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8b

Confrontation and the Gospel

Acts 4:1-12
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Confronted by Angry Jewish Leadership

Acts 4:1, 2 (HCSB)
Now as they were speaking to the people, the priests, the commander of the temple police, and the Sadducees **confronted them**, because they were provoked that they were teaching the people and **proclaiming the resurrection from the dead**, using Jesus as the example.
“They were concerned about the preaching not the healing
“Sadducees do not believe in the resurrection
“The “commander” had power and status

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The Apostles Jailed, the Gospel Preached

Acts 4:3, 4 (HCSB)
So they **seized** them and put them in custody until the next day, since it was already evening. But **many** of those who heard the message **believed**, and the number of the men came to about 5,000.
“The leaders “seized” the preachers, the people “believed” the gospel!
“They “heard” and believed, and the church grew (Acts 2:41)

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The Sanhedrin Confronts the Apostles

Acts 4:5, 6 (HCSB)

The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John and Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family.

“The Sanhedrin had 71 members presided over by the high priest

“Luke 22:66-71 – these were the ones who tried Jesus

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Peter and John on Trial

Acts 4:7 (HCSB)

After they had Peter and John stand before them, they asked the question: “By what power or in what name have you done this?”

“The Sanhedrin was seated in a semi-circle

“Power” is *“dunamis”* in the Greek

“The name” denotes the source of the power

“The Sanhedrin considered this a serious situation

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Spirit-Filled Peter Speaks for God

Acts 4:8, 9 (HCSB)

Then Peter was **filled with the Holy Spirit** and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man—by what means he was **healed**—

“Having been filled” is an aorist passive participle

“*euergesia*” means “kind deed”

“healed” is literally “saved” in the Greek which is thematic: (Luke 23:35, 37, 39)

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Saved in the Name of Jesus

Acts 4:10 (HCSB)
let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ** the Nazarene—**whom you crucified** and **whom God raised from the dead**—by Him this man is standing here before you healthy.

“They asked about the name and got a direct answer
“They are again confronted with their guilt
“Peter again preaches the resurrection of Christ

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Scripture Is Fulfilled

Acts 4:11 (HCSB)
This Jesus is the stone **rejected** by **you** builders, which has become the cornerstone.

“Again Peter applies it personally “you”
“This is Psalm 118:22
“They “scorned” Christ but God exalted Him

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The Exclusive Claim of the Gospel

Luke 4:12 (HCSB)
There is salvation **in no one else**, for there is no other name under heaven given to people, and **we must be saved by it**.

““Must” is *dei* and denotes divine necessity
““Under Heaven” means “in all of creation”
““Saved” is *sozo* and is thematic
“The healed man signified a greater salvation, we are not all lame, but we are all lost in sin

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