



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

Boldness in Christ
Acts 4:13-22
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Boldness in the Gospel

Acts 4:13 (HCSB)

When they observed the **boldness** of Peter and John and realized that they were **uneducated and untrained** men, they were amazed and recognized that **they had been with Jesus**.

" Theme: Boldness of those empowered by the Spirit to preach the Word; **Acts 14:1-3**

" This reminds us of Jesus, **John 7:15**

" Jesus had taught them for three years

" "Amazed" is a response to God's mighty works through Jesus, **Luke 4:32; Luke 20:21-26**

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The Sanhedrin Is Silenced

Acts 4:14 (HCSB)

And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, **they had nothing to say** in response.

" The promise of Jesus is fulfilled: **Luke 21:15**

" The truth silences those who do not love it; **Titus 2:7, 8; John 7:32, 40-49; Acts 28:23-28**

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The Sanhedrin Has a Dilemma

Acts 4:15, 16 (HCSB)

After they had ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves, saying, "What should we do with these men? For an obvious sign, evident to all who live in Jerusalem, has been done through them, and **we cannot deny it!**"

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

" They thought they had been rid of Jesus, now they have problems with His disciples

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They Want to Silence the Gospel

Acts 4:17 (HCSB)

However, so this does not spread any further among the people, **let's threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name** again."

"Healing was no threat, but gospel preaching was! Acts 5:28

"Boldness includes a commitment to the gospel no matter what; Romans 15:18, 19; 1Cor. 9:16; Romans 1:14-16

"The "name" had been emphasized in Acts 4:10, 12

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The Name of Jesus Stands for His Person, Message and Work

Acts 4:18 (ESV)

So they called them and charged them **not to speak or teach** at all in **the name of Jesus**.

"They in effect commanded them not to obey Jesus' commission to them; **Luke 24:47**

"They foolishly tried to keep people from salvation which is by calling on His name, **Acts 2:21, Acts 3:16, Romans 10:13; Isaiah 55:6**

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Man Cannot Stop the Gospel

Acts 4:19, 20 (HCSB)

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it's right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; for we are unable to stop speaking about **what we have seen and heard**."

"They were sent by Jesus to be witnesses; **Acts 1:8**

"The responsibility to obey civil authorities stops when such persons command direct disobedience to God. **Romans 13:1-7; 1Peter 2:13-16**

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"The People" Are Contrasted to the Leaders

Acts 4:21, 22 (HCSB)

After threatening them further, they released them. They found no way to punish them, because **the people were all giving glory to God** over what had been done; for this sign of healing had been performed on a man over 40 years old.

"Often in Luke/Acts "the people" listen to the truth while the leaders oppose it; **Luke 19:47, 48; Luke 20:1-8; Luke 20:19**

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