

Boldly Proclaiming Salvation in Christ

Acts 4:1-22

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BIG IDEA: Even the most obvious signs that God is at work, only “work” if a person opens his/her eyes, ears and heart to believe.

1. Evidence of God at work **always** elicits a reaction (1-4)
 - a. Authorities are **annoyed**
 - b. Peter and John are **arrested**
 - c. “Many of those who had heard the **word** believed”
2. The Council’s examination and Peter’s explanation (5-12)
 - a. Religious and political **authority** were combined
 - b. “By what power or by what name . . .” (see Luke 20:1-2)
 - c. The Holy Spirit **empowered** Peter to testify (Luke 12:11-12; 21:12-14)
 - d. From brokenness to **wholeness** by Jesus’ name
 - e. Rejected by “you, the builders,” **exalted** by God (see Psalm 118:22)

exclusive Savior
And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name

universal offer
under heaven given among people by which we must be saved.
ACTS 4:12
3. End result and a temporary solution is reached (13-22)
 - a. Their assessment of Peter and John’s **resume**
 - b. Exhibit “A” former cripple is **standing** right there
 - c. An undeniable sign is **denied** by the leaders
 - d. *We are not able not to speak* = impossible to keep quiet!
 - e. Warnings and threats do not drown out **praise**

Life Group Homework

- 1) READ Acts chapters 3 and 4. How many times are “Peter and John” mentioned together as a team? (circle the right answer)
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
- 2) Who is your closest friend, prayer partner and co-worker in Jesus? List some advantages of ministering “two by two.”
- 3) READ Luke 5:17 – 26. What parallels do you see with the miraculous healing in Acts 3:1 – 10?
- 4) READ Matthew 1:21. What does the name of Jesus mean?
- 5) READ Luke 24:46-47. What is to be preached in Jesus’ name?
- 6) READ Acts 3:6, 16 and 4:8 – 10. Who is the hero of the story?
- 7) If Jesus is the hero of **your** story, what keeps you from telling others? *HINT: Go back to question #2 above. Enlist a friend to help.*