

## 157. The Jews Judge Peter and John (Acts 4:1-22)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You gave Peter and John courage to preach Your word. They told the good news to people who wanted to know, and to people who didn't want to know. Make us brave the same, so we will always be ready in every time and every place to talk about You, our only Savior. We pray in Your name, Amen.

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Acts 4:1-4.

- Peter and John were preaching to all the people in the temple. What did the Jewish leaders do to them?
- Why did the leaders arrest Peter and John?
- The people in the temple all saw the leaders arrest Peter and John. Did that make them afraid to become Christians?
- After Pentecost, how many people were Christians? Now how many people were Christians?

Acts 4:5-12.

- What did the leaders ask Peter and John? (Didn't the leaders already know the answer?)
- Who made Peter brave to answer and preach about Jesus?
- Look at what Peter said about Jesus. Can a person believe in God, not believe in Jesus, and still have salvation?

Acts 4:13-17.

- Why did Peter and John have so much courage?
  
- Why couldn't the Jews argue with Peter and John about the healing?

Acts 4:18-22.

- What did the Jews tell Peter and John to do (or not do)?
  
- Jesus told the disciples to preach about Him. The Jews told Peter and John not to speak about Jesus. Who should Peter and John obey?
  
- Suppose the government tells you to do something that breaks God's law. Who should we obey, God or the government?
  
- Notice that the leaders told Peter and John to stop preaching. But the leaders didn't punish them because all the people were praising God for the man getting healed. How much do your actions explain and defend your Christian faith?