

Finding the Courage to Stand for Christ

Peter and John in the temple (Acts 3:4-4)

- I. Peter heals a cripple (Acts 3:1-8a)
- II. The response of the cripple and the people (Acts 3:8b-11)
- III. Peter preaches to the crowd (Acts 3:12-26)
 - A. Peter explains that the power to heal comes from _____ (Acts 3:13-16)
 - B. Peter offers _____ to the crowd (Acts 3:17-21)
 - C. Peter explains how the prophets foretold the _____ of the _____ (Acts 3:22-26)
- IV. The response of the crowd to Peter's message (Acts 4:1-4)
 - A. The religious leaders were _____ by Peter's message and arrested Peter and John (Acts 4:1-3)
 - B. The church grew to _____ men (Acts 4:4)

Peter and John before the Sanhedrin (Acts 4:5-22)

- I. The religious leaders want to know where Peter and John got their authority (Acts 4:5-7)
- II. Peter explains where he and John got their authority (Acts 4:8-12)
 - A. Peter receives _____ from the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:8a)
 - B. Peter explains that their authority comes from Christ whom the religious leaders _____ (Acts 4:8b-10)
 - C. Peter explains that by crucifying Jesus, the religious leaders had _____ the Messiah (Acts 4:11-12)
- III. The religious leaders' response to Peter's explanation (Acts 4:13-18)
 - A. They were amazed at how _____ and courageous Peter and John were despite the fact that they had no formal religious training (Acts 4:13)
 - B. They decided that they were unable to _____ Peter and John (Acts 4:14-16)
 - C. They _____ Peter and John not to preach the gospel (Acts 4:17-18)
- IV. The Peter and John's response the religious leaders' warnings
 - A. We are to be obedient to _____ not _____ (Acts 4:19)
 - B. We cannot stop talking about what we _____ (Acts 4:20)
- V. The religious leaders _____ Peter and John (Acts 4:21-22)

Questions to Ponder

- I. Are we prepared at all times to be God's _____
- II. Do we trust in the _____ of God?
- III. Will you stand for Christ and the truth of His Word in today's _____?
- IV. Will you stand for what is right even though it may _____ you friends, family, finances, and even your freedom?
- V. Are You _____ with the Holy Spirit?
(Courage comes from allowing the Holy Spirit to _____ in us to overcome our _____ and share the truth about God with others)