

DEEP DIVE
A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ACTS
Acts 4:1-22
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Acts 4:1-2

- Who were the Sadducees?
- Why were they “very disturbed”?

Acts 4:3-4

“Many who heard their message **believed it.**”

- This is what we pray for, this is what we hope for, this is the heart of our mission: “Many heard and believed.”
- The early church took attendance: 5,000 believers.

Acts 4:5-7

The religious leaders are setting a trap by asking the question, “**In whose name have you done this?**”

- Peter and John are standing before the same religious leaders Jesus stood before.

Acts 4:8

“Peter filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 4: 8-10

Peter turns the tables on the religious leaders.

- The greatest argument for the power of Jesus Christ is a changed life.

Acts 4:11-12

Peter is quoting a messianic prophecy from Psalm 118

- “The stone the builders rejected...”
 - There is salvation in no one else but Jesus!

Acts 4:13

Notice the action words in this verse:

- They saw
- They perceived
- They recognized

What did the religious leaders conclude?

- They were ordinary men who had been with Jesus.
 - People notice when you spend time with Jesus.

Acts 4:14-18

There is power in the name of Jesus.

- The name of Jesus is a disrupting force.
- In verse 18 a law was given to never speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

Acts 4:19-22

Peter and John appeal to the Supreme of all Supreme Courts.

- Notice verse 22: this man had been lame for 40 years.
 - Jesus would have walked by this man.
 - His time for healing would come not by Jesus but His follower.