

The Department of Church Growth and Development
Bible Study Outline
Scripture Text: Acts 4:1-31

Lesson #4 Proclaiming Salvation in the Name of Jesus Christ

Proposition: God's people are called to proclaim salvation in the name of Jesus Christ despite persecution, for there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved.

1. Peter and John are arrested for preaching Jesus. (1-4)

- a. The Jewish leaders hear Peter and John teachings and preaching. (1)
- b. The Jewish leaders are disturbed by their message. (2)
- c. The Jewish leaders have them arrested and put in custody. (3)
- d. Many people who heard the word believed. (3,000 men) (4)

2. Peter and John are questioned by the Sanhedrin Court. (5-12)

- a. The Jewish leaders question them about their authority. (5-7)
- b. Peter answers that the name of Jesus is their authority. (8-12)
 - i. He speaks of being filled with the Spirit. (8)
 - ii. He respectfully addresses the Jewish leaders. (8)
 - iii. He explains that the lame man was healed by the authority that is in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. (9-10)
 1. The Jesus whom they crucified.
 2. The Jesus whom God raised from the dead.
 - iv. He adds that Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone. (11)
 - v. He affirms that there is salvation in no other name. (12)

3. Peter and John are forbidden to teach in the name of Jesus. (13-22)

- a. The Jewish leaders marvel at their boldness as untrained men and recognized that they had been with Jesus. (13)
- b. The Jewish leaders saw the healed man with them and could say nothing against it. (14)
- c. The Jewish leaders send them out so that they could confer. (13)
- d. The Jewish leaders unable to deny the miracle, try to keep it from spreading by forbidding them to speak in His name. (16-18)
- e. Peter and John promised only to obey God rather than man and to proclaim what they had witnessed. (19, 20)
- f. The Jewish leaders threatened them and released them. (21, 22)
 - i. They found no way to punish them.
 - ii. The people glorified God for the miracle.
 - iii. The man who was healed was forty years old.

4. God gives His people greater boldness in speaking His word. (23-31)

- a. Peter and John reported everything to their companions. (23)
- b. They all began to praise God for His power and Purpose. (24-28)
- c. They began to pray to God for boldness and power. (29, 30)
- d. God filled them with His Spirit and gave them boldness. (31)