



Acts 4:1-22

Peter and John Get Arrested

Context (The Event)

1. The lame beggar had been healed just a matter of minutes earlier.
2. The crowd had swarmed to Peter and John to see what had happened.
3. Seeing the crowds astonishment and curiosity, Peter began to preach.
 - a. This man was healed by the power of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
 - b. God allowed Jesus to be crucified, as was prophesied In the O.T.
 - c. God raised Jesus from the dead, as was also prophesied.
 - d. Your only legitimate response to these truths is to repent and be forgiven.
4. The people listened and many responded ,with repentance, to Peter's sermon.

The Participants in the story

1. Peter and John - Apostles, _____ with signs and wonders, _____ by Jesus to spread the gospel to all people.
2. The Priests - Those who **were supposed to be** responsible for managing the temple, offering sacrifices, and serving the people who came in.
 - They were really low level Yes Men, who answered to the Sadducees, who made _____ from the temple.
3. Temple Guard - Small group of trained men whose job was to keep the temple grounds peaceful. Ie: Temple Cops, or Temple Bouncers, who worked for the Priests, Sadducees, and Sanhedrin.
4. Captain - The guy in charge of the Temple Guard.
5. The people - Participants in Jesus crucifixion, witnesses to the miracles that followed, including Jesus resurrection and the miracle of Tongues, and the very ones _____ was always trying to reach out to.

The Issue: (Vs 2,10,18) Peter and John were preaching Jesus as the Messiah (Savior) as if he was _____, and still claimed to be _____.

Things to Notice:

1. Peter and John not only proclaimed Jesus' resurrection, but the resurrection of _____ else as well. (Vs 2)
2. So far, every time Peter speaks, he reminds them that Jesus was crucified, that He was raised from the dead, and is the source of miraculous power for miracles. (Vs 10)
3. Peter and John were "unschooled, ordinary men" (Vs 13)
 - a. "Unschooled" meant that they did not go to _____.
 - b. "Ordinary" meant they did not work in a _____ profession.
 - c. They had simply spent _____ with Jesus.
4. When told not to preach about Jesus, Peter and John basically said, "If we have to choose between you and God – we choose _____".
5. When Peter and John said, "You be the Judges," they were basically saying, "You do what you have to do". (arrest, punish, imprison, give speeches, etc.)
 - a. They did _____ challenge their authority to arrest, jail, or even punish.
 - b. They would have _____ whatever punishment they got.
 - c. Neither Jesus, nor the apostles, ever claimed the _____ to fight fire with fire, and **never demanded** any rights or privileges from those in authority.
6. The Lame Man who became healed was over _____ years old. (well known, credible)

Applications:

1. Our Gospel should include Jesus the _____, who was crucified, and who also resurrected.
2. Most of us are unschooled, ordinary men and women. You _____ have to be a Bible Scholar and/or a Pastor to be used by God in evangelism or anything else.
3. If you ever have to choose between an earthly authority and God, that is when it is OK to disobey the Earthly authority. But **you better make sure** you are obeying God as you disobey man, and be willing to **accept whatever consequences** come your way.