

Acts

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

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Lesson 4

Acts 4:1-31

1. Read Acts 4:1-4. Who opposed Peter and John? Why? What initial action did they take? According to verse 4, what was the Holy Spirit doing in spite of the opposition?

2. Read Acts 4:5-8. Who was in Peter's audience the next day? Does fear of men sometimes make us silent when we ought to speak? Why wasn't Peter afraid? What can be learned from this account that will help us when we feel intimidated?

3. Read Acts 4:8-12 along with 1 Peter 2:4-8. List the major points made by Peter. In verse 11, he quotes from Psalm 118. Who is *the stone* and who are *the builders*?

4. Read Acts 4:13-22. What clear evidence could not be denied? (vv. 13-14) What did the religious leaders decide? Why? (vv. 15-18) How did Peter and John reply to their commands? (vv. 19-22)

5. Read Acts 4:23-31. One of the great prayers of the Bible is found in this section – much of which is from Psalm 2.
 - What did these early believers know to be true about God? (Their “theology”?)

 - What do you truly know about God that is the basis for your prayers?

 - What did they ask God to do?

 - What was His answer?

 - What can be learned about how we should pray in tough situations?