



Peter and John Before the Sanhedrin

4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. ² They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. ⁴ But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. ⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. ¹¹ Jesus is

"the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

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The Spirit Empowers Us to Step Out of the Boat as Faith-Sharers

March 26, 2023

Acts 4:1-12

What _____ have you experienced for _____ your faith?

Big Idea:

The Spirit _____ us to step out of the boat as faith-sharers, even in the face of suffering.

Three Truths to Hold On to as We Step Out of the Boat

1. Suffering _____ comes after us to try to stop us.
2. Suffering isn't _____ enough to stop the spread of the gospel.
3. The Spirit fills us with the _____ we need to be faith-sharers in the face of suffering.

Big Idea

The Spirit empowers us to step out of the boat as faith-sharers, even in the face of suffering.

Applying It to My Life

- Receive salvation by _____ my faith in Jesus
- Step out of the boat by _____ my faith in Jesus

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Based on Acts 4:1-12

For the week of March 26-April 1

GETTING STARTED

1. What acts of courage have you witnessed that have greatly inspired you?

SERMON OVERVIEW

2. Think back to the sermon. Was there an idea or expression that spoke to you, or was there anything said that challenged or confused you?

DIGGING IN

Take turns reading a couple of verses each from Acts 4:1-12

3. What do you notice about Peter and John in this passage?

4. What motivated the priests, captain of the temple, and Sadducees to arrest Peter and John (Acts 4:1-3)?

5. Why are people getting saved even after Peter and John are arrested (Acts 4:4)?

6. What was the reaction of the Jewish leaders to Peter and John's teaching about Jesus in Acts 4:5-7?

7. The part about Jesus being the only way is a problem for many people. What support do we have for making such a claim?

8. What are some reasons people struggle with the idea that Jesus is the only way to salvation? Why? How should we respond with love and truth?

9. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to speak boldly about Jesus, as we see in Peter's example in Acts 4:8?

APPLYING IT

10. Is there a specific area of your life where you feel like God is wanting you to step out in courage?

11. What might God be saying to you about growth in the area of courage?

LIFEHOUSE HIGHLIGHTS

Community Easter Invite & Prayer Walk: Today at 12:30pm to 2pm.
Lunch is available.

Good Friday Service 6pm to 7pm: Come join us for communion and reflection service as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us. Childcare is available through 6th grade.

Children's ministry: available at both the 1st and 2nd services!

Jr. High Service: 10:45 in the Youth Room.
7th and 8th graders come and join the fun!

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