

Religious Leaders Arrest Peter & John (Acts 4:1-12)

1. The _____ of Peter & John

¹ Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, ² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

- a. The timing
- b. The group
- c. The reasons
- d. The arrest

Serving God does not _____
trouble, and often _____ it.

2. The _____ of Peter & John's Preaching

⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

- a. Required hearing (Rom 10:17)
- b. Required Word (Rom 1:16)
- c. Resulting belief

"the Word of God is not
_____" (2 Tim 2:9)

3. The _____ of Peter & John

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes, ⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

- a. The timing
- b. The attendees

Be aware that key enemies of the early church were _____
leaders who rejected the truth, replaced the truth, resisted the truth,
and fought against the truth. (cf. Acts 20:28-31; 2 Pet 3:14ff).

Often the strongest enemies of the church are those in the church. Don't be surprised at who become your enemies as you serve God on the basis of His Word.

c. The questions

- Q1: By what _____?
- Q2: By whose _____?
- Done This: The _____?

These are both valid, _____
questions to ask yourself.

4. The _____ by Peter

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: ⁹ "If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

- a. His enablement (compare this with his denial!)
- b. His clarification (arrested for doing good)
- c. His affirmation (focuses on how the lame man was healed)

5. Peter Preaches the _____ of Jesus

¹⁰ "let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

- a. Let everyone know
- b. In the Name (the _____)
- c. Of Jesus Christ of Nazareth
- d. Whom you crucified
- e. Whom God raised
- f. This one is healthy (the _____, by Him)

Instead of considering _____,
Peter uses this opportunity
to focus everyone on Jesus.

6. Peter Preaches the _____ of Jesus

¹¹ "This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.'

- a. The stone rejected by you builders (Ps 118:22)
- b. Has become the head corner (Eph 2:20)

7. Peter Preaches the Need of _____

¹² "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

- a. The possibility of salvation
 - No other _____ (lit. "not is in other not-one")
 - No other _____ (by any other – "allo")
- b. The authority of salvation
 - No other _____ ("heteros" – other of a different kind)
 - No other _____ (under heaven)
- c. The provision of salvation
 - "given among men" (or "to men")
 - A _____ gift (already accomplished)
 - With _____ results (perf part=remains given)
- d. The necessity of salvation
 - The _____ way ("by which [name]")
 - The _____ way ("must be")
 - The _____ way ("saved")
 - The _____ way ("we")

1 Tim. 2:5-6 For *there* is one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time

Jn 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.