

Religious Leaders Threaten Peter & John (Acts 4:13-22)

3:1-11 – Peter Heals a Lame Man When Entering the Temple at the Time of the Afternoon Prayer

3:12-16 – Peter Explains that the Lame Man's Healing Was Due to the Power of the Crucified & Resurrection Jesus

3:17-26 – Peter Proclaims the Word and the Required Responses

4:1-12 – Religious Leaders Arrest Peter and John, and They Address the Leaders

1. What the Leaders _____ of Peter and John

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

- a. **Perceiving their boldness (4:8-12)**
- b. **Having comprehended them as uneducated and untrained**
- c. **They were marveling**
- d. **They were recognizing that they were being with Jesus**
- e. **Seeing the man, who had been healed, standing with them**
- f. **They were having nothing to say against**

2. What the Leaders _____ About Peter and John

¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, ¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

- a. **The order**
- b. **The activity**
- c. **The question**
- d. **The sign has come to pass (→) through them**
- e. **The witnesses**
- f. **The impossibility ("we are not able to be denying it" ~)**

3. What the Leaders _____ Regarding Peter and John

¹⁷ "But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

- a. **The Plan: "Let us threaten"**
- b. **The Reason: To avoid spreading**
- c. **The Command: No speaking**
- d. **The Focus: "in this name"**
- e. **The Scope: "to not one of men"**

4. What the Leaders _____ Peter and John

¹⁸ And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

- a. **They called them**
- b. **They commanded them**
 - **The range: "completely" (translated "at all not to be...")**
 - **No mentioning: not to be uttering (~)**
 - **No instructing: not to be teaching (~)**
 - **The focus: "on the basis of the name of Jesus"**

5. What Peter and John _____ to the Leaders

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. ²⁰ "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

- a. **Two options, one choice**
 - **Two Options: To be hearing you more than God**
 - **One Choice: You judge if it is righteous**
- b. **One option, two reasons**
 - **One Option: We are not being able not to be speaking**
 - **Two Reasons: We ourselves saw and heard**

6. _____ the Leaders Let Peter and John Go

²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done. ²² For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

- a. **They threatened more**
- b. **They needed to release them**
- c. **They had no grounds to punish**
 - **Because of the people**
 - **Because of happened**
- d. **They faced clear evidence: The healed man**

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: Understand...

1. ... the _____ of sin.
2. ... the _____ of the Spirit.
3. ... the _____ of salvation.
4. ... the _____ to witness "in this name."
5. ... God's _____ of events.