

The Department of Church Growth and Development
Bible Study Outline
Scripture Text: Acts 4:1-31

Lesson #4 Proclaiming Salvation in the Name of Jesus Christ

Proposition: God's people are called to proclaim salvation in the name of Jesus Christ despite persecution, for there is no other name given among men by which we must be saved.

- 1. Peter and John are arrested for preaching Jesus. (1-4)**
 - a. The Jewish leaders hear Peter and John teachings and preaching. (1)
 - b. The Jewish leaders are disturbed by their message. (2)
 - c. The Jewish leaders have them arrested and put in custody. (3)
 - d. Many people who heard the word believed. (3,000 men) (4)
- 2. Peter and John are questioned by the Sanhedrin Court. (5-12)**
 - a. The Jewish leaders question them about their authority. (5-7)
 - b. Peter answers that the name of Jesus is their authority. (8-12)
 - i. He speaks of being filled with the Spirit. (8)
 - ii. He respectfully addresses the Jewish leaders. (8)
 - iii. He explains that the lame man was healed by the authority that is in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. (9-10)
 1. The Jesus whom they crucified.
 2. The Jesus whom God raised from the dead.
 - iv. He adds that Jesus Christ is the Chief Cornerstone. (11)
 - v. He affirms that there is salvation in no other name. (12)
- 3. Peter and John are forbidden to teach in the name of Jesus. (13-22)**
 - a. The Jewish leaders marvel at their boldness as untrained men and recognized that they had been with Jesus. (13)
 - b. The Jewish leaders saw the healed man with them and could say nothing against it. (14)
 - c. The Jewish leaders send them out so that they could confer. (13)
 - d. The Jewish leaders unable to deny the miracle, try to keep it from spreading by forbidding them to speak in His name. (16-18)
 - e. Peter and John promised only to obey God rather than man and to proclaim what they had witnessed. (19, 20)
 - f. The Jewish leaders threatened them and released them. (21, 22)
 - i. They found no way to punish them.
 - ii. The people glorified God for the miracle.
 - iii. The man who was healed was forty years old.
- 4. God gives His people greater boldness in speaking His word. (23-31)**
 - a. Peter and John reported everything to their companions. (23)
 - b. They all began to praise God for His power and Purpose. (24-28)
 - c. They began to pray to God for boldness and power. (29, 30)
 - d. God filled them with His Spirit and gave them boldness. (31)