

## Saturday Morning

### **Acts 4:1-12**

**1** While [Peter & John] were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple police, and the Sadducees confronted them, **2** because they were annoyed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. **3** So they seized them and took them into custody until the next day since it was already evening. **4** But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

**5** The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem **6** with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family. **7** After they had Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: *"By what power or in what name have you done this?"*

**8** Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, *"Rulers of the people and elders: **9** If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, **10** let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. **11** This Jesus is*

***the stone rejected by you builders,  
which has become the cornerstone.***

**12** *There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved."*

### Reflection Questions:

1. *Peter & John were committed to elevating the name of Jesus even if it meant getting arrested. What are some things you fear, that keep you from telling people about Jesus?*
2. *While they were preaching the message, about five THOUSAND people were saved! What could happen if you committed to telling people around you about Jesus?*
3. *Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, which gave him the boldness to speak confidently. As followers of Jesus, we also have the Holy Spirit with us. How can this fact help you speak about Jesus?*

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### **Acts 4:13-22**

**13** When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus. **14** And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition. **15** After they ordered them to leave the Sanhedrin, they conferred among themselves, **16** saying, *"What should we do with these men? For an obvious sign has been done through them, clear to everyone living in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. **17** But so that this does not spread any further among the people, let's threaten them against speaking to anyone in this name again."* **18** So they called for them and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

**19** Peter and John answered them, *"Whether it's right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; **20** for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."*

**21** After threatening them further, they released them. They found no way to punish them because the people were all giving glory to God over what had been done.

**22** For this sign of healing had been performed on a man over forty years old.

### Reflection Questions:

1. *We learn that Peter & John were uneducated and untrained, but this didn't keep them from telling people about Jesus. Do you sometimes feel like you don't know enough about Jesus to talk about Him?*
2. *Peter & John could not stop talking about Jesus, even when ordered not to, because they had seen Him do a miracle. What has Jesus done in your life that you can tell others about?*
3. *All of the people were giving glory to God because of Peter & John's boldness. How can your life cause others to give glory to God?*