

## **“Testifying Jesus’ Name Boldly With Conviction!”**

**Acts 4:5-22**

And it came to pass, on the next day, that Their Rulers, Elders, and Scribes, as well as Annas the (Co-) High Priest with Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the Family of the High Priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when They had set *Them* in the midst, They asked, “By *What Power* or by *What Name* have you done *This (Sign)?*” Then *Peter*, Filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the People and Elders of Israel: If We this day are judged for a Good Deed (Good Work) done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, 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. This is the ‘Stone, Which was Rejected by you Builders, Which has become the Chief Cornerstone.’ Nor is there Salvation in Any Other, For there is No Other Name Under Heaven given among men by Which We Must Be Saved!” 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*. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against It. But when They had commanded *Them* (*Peter & John*) to go aside out of the Council (Sanhedrin), They Conferred (Schemed) among Themselves, 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. But so that It (The Knowledge That Through The Name Of The Risen Son Of God, Jesus The Christ of Nazareth, Healing Is Done By The Power Of God, & Salvation From Sin & Death Is Found In No Other Name) Spreads No Further (Thwart) Among the People, Let Us Severely Threaten Them, that from now on They Speak to No Man in This Name.” So, They called *Them* (*Peter & John*) and Commanded Them Not to Speak (Preach) at All, Nor Teach In the Name of Jesus. 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. For We Cannot But Speak (Preach & Teach) the Things Which We Have Seen and Heard!” So, when They had Further Threatened *Them* (*Peter & John*), They let *Them* Go, Finding No Way of Punishing *Them*, Because of the People, Since They (People) All Glorified God For What (Sign) Had Been Done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this Miracle of Healing (Sign) had been performed.

**Acts 4:5-22 (NKJV)**

**Q**

**“What Evidence Can Unbelievers Or Evil People  
Bring Against Us As God’s Bold & Obedient People  
If God Is Performing Miracles (Signs & Wonders) Through Us?”**

**A**

**Nothing (Lack of Evidence)**

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*. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with Them, They Could Say Nothing Against It (or Us).

**Acts 4:13-14**

Q

**“What Can Unbelievers or Evil People Do To Us As God’s Obedient Followers For Teaching, Preaching, Healing, & Saving In His Name?”**

A

**Scheme (In Spite Of The Lack Of Evidence)**

But when They had commanded *Them (Peter & John)* to go aside out of the Council (Sanhedrin), They Conferred (Scheme) among Themselves, 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.*” **Acts 4:15-16**

A

**Thwart (God’s Mission) & Threaten (Our Lives or Our Livelihood)**

“*But so that It (The Knowledge That Through The Name Of The Risen Son Of God, Jesus The Christ of Nazareth, Healing Is Done By The Power Of God, & Salvation From Sin & Death Is Found In No Other Name) Spreads No Further (Thwart) Among the People, Let Us Severely Threaten Them, that from now on They Speak to No Man in this Name.*” **Acts 4:17**

A

**Command Us To Be Silent (Cancel Culture)**

**With No Real Authority**

So, They called *Them (Peter & John)* and Commanded Them Not to Speak (Preach) at All, Nor Teach In the Name of Jesus.

**Acts 4:18**

Q

**“What Should God’s Bold & Obedient People Do In Response?”**

A

**Continue To Speak Boldly (Preaching & Teaching)**

**The Good News Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!**

But *Peter and John* Answered and Said (Spoke) to Them, “*Whether it is Right in the Sight of God to Listen to You More Than to God, You Judge. For We Cannot But Speak (Preach & Teach) the Things Which We Have Seen and Heard!*” **Acts 4:19-20**

Q

**“What Will Unbelievers or Evil People Do In Response To Us As God’s Bold & Obedient People?”**

A

**Further Threats Against (Our Lives or Our Livelihood)**

So, when They had Further Threatened Them (Peter & John), They Let Them Go, Finding No Way of Punishing Them.

**Acts 4:21a**

Q

**“Why Do Unbelievers or Evil People Not Do More Than Bring Even More Threats Against Us As God’s Bold & Obedient People?”**

A

**Favor of the People & Acknowledgment of the Miracle**

Because of the People, Since They (People), All Glorified God For What (Sign) Had Been Done. For the man was over forty years old on whom this Miracle of Healing (Sign) had been performed.

**Acts 4:21b-22**

Q

*“Does This Mean That Unbelievers or Evil People  
Will Never Do More To Us As God’s Bold & Obedient People  
In The Future As The World Becomes  
Ever More Corrupt & Darkness Comes Over The Land?”*

A

**NO!**

**In Fact, Jesus Told Us These Very Things Will In Evidently Happen In The Future**

Jesus said at the Last Supper, *“These Things I Have Spoken To You, That You Should Not Be Made To Stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that Whoever Kills you will think that They Offer God Service. And These Things They will do to you because They have not known the Father nor Me. But These Things I Have Told You, That When The Time Comes, You May Remember That I Told You Of Them. And These Things I Did Not Say To You At The Beginning, Because I Was Still With You.”* John 16:1-4 (NKJV)

Q

*“So, What Does That Mean, Has God in Christ  
Abandoned Us & Left Us Here Alone & Defenseless?”*

A

**ABSOLUTELY NOT!**

**Jesus Gave Us His Promise To Send To Us His Holp Spirit To Live Within Us**

*“But now I go away to Him Who Sent Me, & none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the Truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I depart, I Will Send Him (Holy Spirit) to you. And when He (Holy Spirit) has come, He (Holy Spirit) will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of the judgment of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father, and you will see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He (Holy Spirit) will guide you into all Truth; for He (Holy Spirit) Will Not Speak on His Own Authority, but whatever He (Holy Spirit) Hears He Will Speak; and He (Holy Spirit) Will Tell you things to come. He (Holy Spirit) Will Glorify Me, for He (Holy Spirit) Will Take Of What Is Mine & Declare It to you. All things that the Father Has Are Mine. Therefore, I Said that He (Holy Spirit) Will Take Of Mine and Declare It to you.”*

John 16:4b-15 (NKJV)

**Let Us Boldly Testify Today & Tomorrow**

**To Jesus Name With Great Conviction From The Holy Spirit!**

*“Let Us This Day, This Week, & Forevermore,  
Boldly Testify To Our Faith & Commitment  
To Serve Our Lord And Savior Jesus Christ!  
Let Us Rely On God’s Holy Spirit Within Us  
To Speak & Work Boldly Through Us  
Not Considering The Cost To Our Lives  
Or Livelihood For Sake Of The Call Of God!*