

Acts 4

Chapter Guided Discovery

Peter and John face threats, the church prays for boldness, and believers show Spirit-filled unity.

Scripture Spotlight

Acts 4:12

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



CHAPTER SUMMARY

Peter and John are arrested after preaching about Jesus, then boldly testify before the Jewish council. When threatened, they obey God and keep speaking. The believers pray together, receive fresh boldness, and live with generous care for one another.



CORE TRUTH

God's people are called to speak about Jesus with courage, trust His rule over opposition, and show genuine unity through love, prayer, and generous care.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Sadducees were especially upset because Peter and John preached the resurrection of Jesus. They held religious power in Jerusalem, but they did not believe in resurrection, so the apostles' message directly challenged them.



QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Opposition did not stop the gospel.
- Peter spoke by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The church prayed for boldness, not comfort.
- Real unity showed itself through generous care.

1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK

Peter John Sadducees boldness Barnabas prayer

- _____ and _____ were arrested after speaking to the people.
- The _____ were disturbed by the message about resurrection.
- Peter answered the council with Spirit-given _____.
- The believers responded to threats with united _____.
- _____ sold land and brought the money to help others.
- The church asked God for courage to keep speaking with _____.

2 MATCH IT

Peter	A. The council that questioned and threatened the apostles
John	B. Stood with Peter as a witness before the leaders
Sanhedrin	C. Sold land and gave the money to help others
Healed Man	D. Preached boldly before the rulers
Believers	E. Prayed together after the apostles were released
Barnabas	F. Living evidence that a real miracle had happened

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

- Why were the religious leaders disturbed?
A. The apostles refused to enter the temple
B. The apostles preached Jesus and the resurrection
C. The healed man left Jerusalem
D. The believers stopped praying
- What did the council command Peter and John not to do?
A. Speak or teach in Jesus' name
B. Visit the temple again
C. Help the poor
D. Meet with other believers
- What did the believers ask God to give them?
A. Revenge against their enemies
B. A new city to live in
C. Boldness to speak His word
D. Riches and public honor
- What marked the believers at the end of the chapter?
A. Fear, silence, and separation
B. Unity, witness, and generosity
C. Confusion, anger, and hiding
D. Pride, fame, and comfort

4 PUT IN ORDER

- _____ The believers pray together after hearing the report.
- _____ Peter and John are arrested and kept until the next day.
- _____ Barnabas sells land and brings the money to the apostles.
- _____ Peter testifies before the rulers about Jesus.
- _____ The council threatens the apostles and releases them.
- _____ The gathered believers are filled with fresh boldness.

5 TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. Peter and John were questioned about the power behind the healing.
- _____ 2. The council gladly accepted the apostles' message.
- _____ 3. Peter and John said they had to obey God rather than stay silent.
- _____ 4. The believers prayed for boldness after the threats.
- _____ 5. The place where the believers gathered was shaken after they prayed.
- _____ 6. Barnabas is introduced as a selfish man who refused to help others.

6 SHORT ANSWER

1. What did the council notice about Peter and John?
2. Why could the council not easily deny the miracle?
3. What does the church's prayer teach us about facing pressure?
4. How did the believers show unity at the end of the chapter?

NOTES & THOUGHTS



PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season I Will...



PRAYER PROMPT

Ask God to give you courage to speak truthfully about Jesus, humility to depend on Him in prayer, and love that shows itself in practical care for other believers.



REMEMBER

When God's people face pressure, they can pray, speak with courage, and care for one another with generous hearts.