

# ACTS 4 *Guided Discovery*

## BOLD WITNESS. BOLD RESPONSE.

Peter and John boldly proclaim Jesus as the only one by whom we can be saved. The religious leaders oppose them, but the early church responds with prayer, unity, and uncompromising faith.

### KEY VERSE

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

**ACTS 4:12**

### AT A GLANCE

- Peter and John heal a lame man in Jesus' name.
- They boldly preach that Jesus is the only Savior.
- The religious leaders question and threaten them.
- The believers pray together, asking God for boldness.
- The Holy Spirit fills them, and they speak God's Word with power.

### CORE TRUTH

**Jesus is the one and only Savior.**

True authority comes from God, and bold witnesses trust Him no matter the opposition.

### DID YOU KNOW?

"The place" where Peter and John were arrested was likely the Temple area or portico of Solomon, a public space in Jerusalem (v. 3). The number of men was "about five thousand" (v. 4)-evidence of the church's rapid growth.

### QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Speak the truth about Jesus with courage.
- God's people pray together in difficult times.
- God honors bold, unified prayer.
- We must obey God rather than men.
- The gospel brings salvation, not human rules.

### 1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the Word Bank to complete the statements.

**WORD BANK**  
 Jesus lame salvation rulers prayed  
 threatened boldness Holy Spirit apostles

1. Peter and John healed a \_\_\_\_\_ man in Jesus' name. (v. 1-10)
2. Peter declared, "Nor is there \_\_\_\_\_ in any other." (v. 12)
3. The religious \_\_\_\_\_ were disturbed by their teaching. (v. 2)
4. The leaders \_\_\_\_\_ Peter and John and commanded them to stop speaking. (v. 18, 21)
5. The church \_\_\_\_\_ together and asked for \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 24, 31)
6. When they finished praying, they were filled with \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 31)

### 2 MATCH IT

Match each phrase (left) with the best meaning (right).

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| 1. "Jesus Christ of Nazareth" (v. 10) | A. God's Spirit came upon the believers         |
| 2. "Chief priests" (v. 1)             | B. The leaders of Israel's religious council    |
| 3. "Cornerstone" (v. 11)              | C. Jesus is the foundation of God's plan        |
| 4. "By what power" (v. 7)             | D. Who gave you this ability?                   |
| 5. "Do not speak" (v. 18)             | E. They were commanded not to teach about Jesus |
| 6. "They were filled" (v. 31)         | F. The man whom you crucified                   |

### 3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. What did Peter say is the only way to salvation?  
 A. Following the Law  
 B. Good works  
 C. Praying more  
 D. Jesus Christ
2. What did the rulers ask Peter and John?  
 A. Why they were praying  
 B. By what power or name they had done this  
 C. Where they lived  
 D. Why they stopped teaching
3. What did the believers do after being released?  
 A. They went home  
 B. They stopped meeting  
 C. They prayed together  
 D. They hid in fear
4. What did the Holy Spirit give the believers?  
 A. Money  
 B. Boldness  
 C. New leaders  
 D. A building

### 4 PUT IN ORDER

Number these events in the order they happened in Acts 4.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The lame man was healed. (vv. 1-10)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peter preached about Jesus. (vv. 8-12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Peter and John were arrested. (v. 3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The rulers commanded them not to speak. (vv. 18-21)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The believers prayed together. (vv. 23-31)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit filled them with power. (v. 31)

### 5 TRUE OR FALSE

Write True or False for each.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Peter and John told the rulers to stop asking questions. (v. 19)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. The man had been lame from birth. (Acts 3:2; Acts 4:22)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Jesus is the only name by which we can be saved. (v. 12)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The rulers were pleased to hear Peter and John teach about Jesus. (v. 2)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. The believers asked God to help them speak God's Word. (v. 29)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. The church continued to speak the Word boldly after praying. (v. 31)

### 6 SHORT ANSWER

Answer in your own words.

1. What was Peter's main message to the people? (v. 12)  
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2. Why did the religious leaders threaten Peter and John? (vv. 17-21)  
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3. What did the believers pray for? (v. 29-30)  
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4. How did God respond to their prayer? (v. 31)  
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### DID YOU KNOW?

The early believers often met in the Temple courts. Their unity, prayer, and bold witness shocked the religious leaders and attracted more people to the Lord (v. 4).

### QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Unity strengthens the church.
- God hears our bold prayers.
- Courage grows when we seek Him.
- The gospel is for everyone.
- Keep speaking the truth!

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season, I want to grow in...

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### PRAYER PROMPT

Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Give me courage to speak Your truth, unity to pray with others, and boldness to obey You no matter what. Amen.

"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." ACTS 4:13