

# Acts 4

## *Peter And John Before The Council*

### **I. Peter And John Questioned By The Council (vv. 1-22)**

- A. *Arrested* (vv. 1-4).
  - 1. Because they preached the resurrection (vv. 1-3).
  - 2. Yet, many believed and obeyed (v. 4).
- B. *Questioned* (vv. 5-12).
  - 1. Question: By what power or name was this done? (vv. 5-7).
  - 2. Answer: By Jesus Christ (vv. 8-12).
    - a. Man is healed by the name of Christ who was crucified and raised (vv. 8-10).
    - b. He is the rejected stone that became the chief cornerstone (v. 11).
    - c. No salvation in any other name (v. 12).
- C. *Reaction of the council* (vv. 13-22).
  - 1. Marveled (v. 13a).
  - 2. Realized that Peter and John had been with Jesus (v. 13b).
  - 3. Admitted that a miracle had been performed (vv. 14-16).
  - 4. Threatened Peter and John (vv. 17-22).
    - a. Commanded them not to speak in the name of Jesus (vv. 17-18).
    - b. Peter and John said they could not but speak...(vv. 19-20).
    - c. Let them go after more threats (vv. 21-22).

### **II. The Reaction Of The Disciples (vv. 23-31)**

- A. *Peter and John report to the disciples* (v. 23).
- B. *The disciples's prayer for boldness* (vv. 24-30).
- C. *The results of the prayer* (v. 31).
  - 1. Place shook.
  - 2. Filled with the Spirit.
  - 3. Spoke the word with boldness.

### **III. The Commitment Of The Disciples (vv. 32-37)**

- A. *To unity* (v. 32a).
- B. *To one another [benevolence]* (vv. 32b, 34-37).
- C. *To the proclamation of the gospel* (v. 33).

~ Key Verse: 2 ~