

THE FIRST PERSECUTION – ACTS 4

INTRODUCTION: Last week we covered verses 1-4 dealing with the arrest of Peter and John.

1. The beginning of religious _____.
2. The Sadducees did not _____ in the resurrection.
3. The priests did not want to be _____ for the crucifixion of Christ.

I: THE TRIAL - 5-22

1. The court involved the High Priest's _____ (v. 6)
2. Jesus stated that the world would _____ them this way, the same way it had _____ Him (John 15:17-27).
3. Peter is _____ by the Spirit in his _____ (v. 8 and see Luke 21:12-15; Matthew 10:20).
4. "The Stone" (v. 11) is _____.
"The builders" (v. 11) are the _____ leaders (quote from Psalms 118:22-23).
5. The jury recesses to _____ the case (vs. 13-17). "Unlearned and ignorant" means _____ and _____.
6. The apostles did not accept the _____. Please note ...
 - a) The _____ of the disciples
 - b) The _____ of the Word
 - c) The _____ of the healed beggar

Result was the acknowledgement of a good _____ ... the judges had no _____.

II: THE VICTORY - 23-37

1. They returned to their _____ (v. 23)
2. They _____ and _____
3. The results ...
 - a) Boldness
 - b) Unity
 - c) Love

CONCLUSION: "Boldness" seems to be a key thought in this chapter. Where did this come from?

- a) Filled with the _____ (vs. 8 and 31)
- b) They _____ (v. 29)
- c) They relied on the _____ of _____ (vs. 25-28)

BOLDNESS ON EARTH BECAUSE CHRIST GIVES US BOLDNESS IN HEAVEN (Hebrews 4:16 and 10:19)