

Logos Class – Acts of the Apostles

On Campus class for June 27, 2021

Acts Ch 4 – Jerusalem...the persecution begins...

Before we begin

- I appreciate all of you who have been praying for me as I try and recover from my back and Sciatica issues.
- I am blessed to have a wonderful caregiver who looks after me everyday, and a part-time driver who escorts me places.
- I have another Dr. Appointment this Tuesday

The Amazing Skip Putnam

I am feeling better and just pray I can get through this session this morning

Thank you...

Calendar moving forward

- *June 27, 2021, Acts Ch 4 – Persecution begins*
- *Each week following... we will average a chapter a week until we finish the book*
- *I will be recording and placing slides on the website for those who can't make it each week I teach*

Acts Basic Outline

Six sections, each ending with a summary

- ✓ **Chapters 1-6:7** – Church in Jerusalem and Peter's preaching. Church growing and large number of Priests were coming to the Lord
- **Chapters 6:8-9:31** – Church spreading and growing in all Roman Palestine, and the martyrdom of Stephen. Churches multiplying in Galilee
- **Ch 9:32-12:24** – Conversion of Saul to Paul, the extension of the church into Antioch and Peter's reception of Cornelius the Gentile into the church
- **Ch 12:25-16:5** – The church is spreading in Asia Minor (Turkey) and the spreading of the Gospel in Galatia
- **Ch 16:6-19:20** – The church crossed the Med and spreads to Europe. Paul is starting churches in Ephesus, Philippi, and Corinth
- **Ch 19:21-28:31** – Arrival of Paul in Rome and his imprisonment. Paul boldly proclaims Jesus Christ, and tells of the Kingdom

Reminders...

How we arrived at Chapter 4

- Heard, Seen, and Holy Spirit at Work
- Peter's first powerful sermon
- Israeli nature of 120 changes to >3100 ***diverse but still Jews***
- Jewish Leaders taken aback by what they saw
- Many other signs and wonders done by the Apostles
- Peter and John go to temple to pray and on the way...
 - They encounter a lame beggar
 - Peter heals him in the name of Jesus of Nazareth
 - We walks, jumps around a goes into the temple with Peter & John
 - Temple crowded and attracted to recognized beggar
 - Peter preaches Jesus, Him Crucified and Risen, and healing in His Name

Now a small ICYMI to set up today's discussion

Acts Ch 4:1-4 ...*the Reaction and actions...*

*4 The **priests** and the **captain of the temple guard** and the **Sadducees** came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.*

*2 They were **greatly disturbed** because the apostles were **teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.***

*3 They **seized** Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them **in jail until the next day.***

*4 But many who heard the message believed; so, the number of men who believed grew to **about five thousand.***

Acts Ch 4:5-7

Persecution begins...

⁵ *The next day the **rulers**, the **elders** and the **teachers of the law** met in Jerusalem.*

⁶ *Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family.*

⁷ *They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “**By what power or what name did you do this?**”*

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!

9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed,

10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

11 Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” (Ps 118:22)

12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished, and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

15 So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

16 “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it.

17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

Acts Ch 4:18-22

Persecution begins...

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

*19 But Peter and John replied, "**Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges!**"*

20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

21 After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened.

22 For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old

Q: Who is your Sanhedrin

Acts Ch 4:23-26 *Persecution begins...*

*²³ On their release, Peter and John went **back to their own people** and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.*

*²⁴ When they heard this, **they raised their voices together in prayer to God.** “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.*

²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: (Ps2:1-2)

*“**Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?***

*²⁶ **The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord***

*and against his anointed one. **Good Question: not just then but now***

Acts Ch 4:27-31 *Persecution begins...*

27 Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

28 They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Acts Ch 4:32- 37 *Persecution begins...*

*³² All the believers were **one in heart and mind**. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, **but they shared everything they had**.*

*³³ **With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all***

*³⁴ **that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales***

*³⁵ **and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.***

*³⁶ **Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"),***

*³⁷ **sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.***

Next week

- We see the Persecution on the church begin to change to *purifying in the church*
- Read Ch 5
- Pray for all those in need of our prayers and comforting. Our prayers are effective and powerful
- Ladies Luncheon – Lay's house Tuesday, June 29th
- July 4th celebration and gathering for fireworks and fellowship
- God Bless you all