

The Early Acts Series: Acts 4

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Review of Acts 1

- Acts 1:1-3 The research of Dr. Luke for Theophilus.
- Acts 1:4-5 The promised Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1:6-7 The question about Christ's return.
- Acts 1:8 The power of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 1:9-12 The Ascension of Jesus Christ

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- Acts 1:13-14 The Twelve Apostles plus other noted pillars of the early church.
- Acts 1:15-26 The New Apostle.
- Matthias to replace Judas
- Chapter 1 is also the introduction for the events in Acts chapter 2.

Review of Acts 2

- Acts 2:1-4 The Pentecostal experience.
- Acts 2:5-13 A crowd of people representing 17 nations hear the speaking in tongues in their own languages.
- Acts 2:14-41 Peter's first sermon and 3,000 people were saved.
- Acts 2:42-47 The follow-up.

Review of Acts 3

- Acts 3:1-11
- The healing of the crippled man at the gate Beautiful.
- Acts 3:12-26 Peter's 2nd sermon.
- The miracle drew a crowd and gave an opportunity for preaching.
- Principles of great preaching from Peter's 2nd sermon.

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- Acts 4:4 The results of Peter's second sermon.
- Acts 4:4 But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.
- Acts 2:41 The results of Peter's first sermon.
- Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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- **Acts 4:1-7**
- **Peter and John are arrested and put on trial before the leaders of Israel.**
- **The Sanhedrin: the council of 70 elders.**
- **The High Priest and his family of priests.**
- **The priests were of the sect of the Sadducees.**

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- Acts 4:8-12
- Peter's defense starts with being filled with the Holy Spirit to speak.
- The defense is based upon the testimony of the miraculous healing of the crippled man.
- This defense leads to the message of the Gospel and the key in verse 12.

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- Acts 4:13-22
- The response of the Sanhedrin to the Apostles Peter and John and to the fact of the “outstanding miracle”.
- “They took note that these men had been with Jesus”. Verse 13
- Acts 4:19 Civil disobedience
- Acts 4:21 “All the people were praising God for what had happened.”

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- Acts 4:32-35
- The unity and power of the community of the early church.
- One heart and one mind.
- They shared everything.
- Much grace was upon them all.
- There was no needy persons among them.

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- **Acts 4:36**
- **Barnabas: Son of Encouragement.**
- **The first one to encourage the Apostles in his giving.**
- **The first one to introduce the Apostle Paul to the other Apostles. Acts 9:27**
- **He gave John Mark his cousin a second chance at ministry. Acts 15:39**

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