



ACTS 4 • MOVEMENT 3

They Had Been with Jesus

Acts 4:13–22

BOLDNESS • FORMATION • EVIDENCE • OBEDIENCE



Big Idea

Being with Jesus shapes ordinary people to speak with courage, live with love, and obey God when staying quiet feels easier.

Before You Begin

- Read Acts 4:13–22 in your Bible.
- Keep this guide open while you watch.
- Pause the video when you need more time to write.
- Ask God to show you one truth to believe and one step to take.

Words to Know

Boldness: Speaking the truth clearly when pressure makes silence easier.

Unlearned and ignorant: Without the council's special schooling or official rank. It does not mean foolish.

Notable miracle: A clear act of God that many people knew had happened.

Hearken: To listen and obey.

The Story So Far

Jesus healed a man through Peter and John. Then Peter told the leaders that the man was made whole by the name of Jesus Christ. The leaders now must decide how they will respond to the truth in front of them.



1. The Leaders Notice Boldness — Verse 13

Peter and John did not have the council's special training, but they spoke with courage and clarity. The leaders recognized that they had been with Jesus.

What should become visible in a person who spends time with Jesus?

2. The Healed Man Stands There — Verse 14

The healed man was living evidence. The leaders could argue with the message, but they could not deny the changed life standing in front of them.

What change has Jesus made in you or in someone you know?

3. The Leaders Talk in Private — Verses 15–16

The leaders admitted that a real miracle had happened. Their problem was not a lack of evidence. They did not want to accept what the evidence said about Jesus.

Why might someone resist the truth even when the evidence is clear?



4. The Leaders Command Silence — Verses 17–18

Because they could not erase the miracle, the leaders tried to stop the message from spreading. They ordered Peter and John not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

Where do people feel pressure to stay quiet about Jesus today?

5. Peter and John Choose Obedience — Verses 19–20

They did not insult the leaders. They explained that God’s command came first. They had to tell what they had seen and heard.

How can you speak the truth with both courage and respect?

6. The People Glorify God — Verses 21–22

The leaders released them. The healed man was over forty years old, so his lifelong condition and his healing were widely known. The people gave glory to God.



Think It Through

- What did the leaders notice about Peter and John?
- Why was the healed man important to the story?
- What did Peter and John do when they were told to stop speaking?
- What is the difference between boldness and rudeness?

My Forward & Higher Next Step

One way I will spend time with Jesus this week:

One person or place where I need courage to speak about Jesus:

One respectful sentence I can practice:

Prayer

Jesus, shape my words and my life. Give me courage without pride. Help me tell the truth about what You have done and obey You when silence feels easier. Amen.