

BEING SPIRIT-EMPOWERED

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Acts 4:5-22 (95 NASB)

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1. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLES PREACH JESUS.

⁵On the next day, **their rulers** and **elders** and **scribes** were gathered together in Jerusalem; ⁶and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. ⁷When they had placed them in the center, they *began to* inquire, "**By what power, or in what name, have you done this?**" ⁸Then **Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, ⁹if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, ¹⁰**let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.** ¹¹"He is the STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED by you, THE BUILDERS, *but* WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER *stone*. ¹²**"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."**

2. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLES REPRESENT JESUS.

¹³Now as **they observed the confidence of Peter and John** and understood that they were **uneducated and untrained men**, they were amazed, and *began to recognize them as having been with Jesus*.

3. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLES PRIORITIZE WITH JESUS.

¹⁴And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply. ¹⁵But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they *began to* confer with one another, ¹⁶saying, "**What shall we do with these men?** For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷**"But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name."** ¹⁸And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹**But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; ²⁰for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."** ²¹When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened; ²²for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.