

**Series "The Acts Of God"**  
**"No Other Name"**  
**Acts 4:1-12**  
**Study-8**

**Acts 1:8**

**John 15:18-20**

**2 Tim 3:12**

**1. Verses 1-7 – The Arrest**

**2. Verses 8-12 – The Defense**

**1. Verses 1-7 – The Arrest:**

Acts 4:1

Acts 3:26

the Sadducees, came upon them; Sadducees – Their name meant "righteous ones"

Opposition In the Gospels came from the Pharisees; "Separate ones, or to separate"

Opposition In Acts came from the Sadducees.

Acts 4:2

being greatly disturbed "to worry or to be grieved much, annoyed, even exasperated"

Reason #1 – because they were teaching the people Acts 4:13

Reason #2 – proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.  
The Resurrection was the central theme of the NT Church:

John 11:25-26

Acts 4:3

And they laid hands on them; The Greek implies that "they just abruptly grabbed the Apostles by force."

Acts 4:4

But many of those who had heard the message believed; Acts 3:12-26  
Heb. 4:12

Acts 2:41

Acts 4:5

and elders; clan leaders. The various elite heads of families.

and scribes; these were often called lawyers because they copied the scriptures and new them and would interpret them.

Acts 4:6

Annas – John 18:19 The high priest; The High Priest was a position for life.

Caiaphas – name meaning "rock" or "depression." He was the son-in-law of Annas

Acts 4:7

John 16:1-3

in what name; or they are implying "by what magical formula", such as an exorcist used.

have you (Literally "people like you")

Acts 4:22

## **2. Verses 8-12 – The Defense:**

Acts 4:8

Observe, The Message Was Empowered By The Holy Spirit: Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit; Again in Acts 4:31, Peter had already been baptized with the Holy Spirit in Acts 2:4, but now we see Peter filled with the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 10:19-20

Acts 4:9

The Miracle Was A Good Deed Not A Crime: if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man,

Luke 6:6-11

"I am on trial today for a good deed, not a bad deed!"

Acts 4:10

Observe, The Message Was Centered In Jesus: that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,

Peter's 4 Point Sermon:

Point #1 – You Are Guilty in Crucifying Jesus: whom you crucified, This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that Peter has told the Jews that they have killed Jesus – Acts 2:23-24; 3:15

Point #2 – Jesus Rose From The Dead: whom God raised from the dead

Romans 1:3-4

Point #3 The Purpose of God Will Prevail: Acts 4:11

Observation – The Message Was Centered in The Scriptures: Peter quotes from Psalm 118:22-23

Matt 21:42

Psalm 118:22-23 is called "A Psalm of Ascent"; It was song as the people ascended to Jerusalem to worship; it was an invitation for others to join them!

The stone – God is referred to as a rock or a stone – Deut. 32:4, 18, 30-31; Ps. 18:2, 31, 46

Jesus was both the foundation stone and the corner stone – 1 Cor 3:11; Eph 2:20-22; 1 Peter 2:4-5

Jesus was a stumbling stone – Isa. 8:14-15; Rom. 9:32-33; 1 Cor. 1:23

The Second Coming Jesus will be a smiting stone of destruction – Dan 2:34

WHICH WAS REJECTED; Literally "to reject after investigation"; This was no oversight or accident, it was a deliberate calculated decision of rejection!

Acts 4:12

Point #4 – Jesus is The One and Only Way to Salvation: "And there is salvation in no one else;

John 14:6

for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men,

Phil 2:9-11

The Name of the Savior – When Jesus was born He was given the name "Jesus"; "He will save His people from their sins." Matt 1:21

The Name of His Deity – "Immanuel", "God with us." Matt 1:23

The Uniqueness of the Name – His Life, His Death, His Burial, His Resurrection, His Exaltation and Authority (Savior and God)

Acts 3:19

"Repent therefore – "Change of mind" The only hope is to change our minds about Jesus. They needed to turn to Jesus and have a change life.

and return (turn to God); "Change in outward conduct"; This evidence that we have repented is that we follow the Lord.

that your sins may be wiped away; If we repent of our sins, God will cleanse us of our sins.

### **Application:**

Point #1 – We Are Guilty in Crucifying Jesus: (We Are Guilty Sinners)

Point #2 – Jesus Rose From The Dead: (Jesus is Truly God)

Point #3 – The Purpose of God Will Prevail: (We Can Win a Battle But Not the War)

Point #4 – Jesus is The One and Only Way to Salvation: (We Come To God On His Terms, Which is Jesus)