Acts Bible Study 08

**Acts 4:1-22 Peter and John before the Sanhedrin.**

1. After a miracle of healing, and the conversion of 2000 men, what problem did the Apostles face?

=Satan’s attack

=we need to know how to serve God and overcome Satan’s disruption.

Who came to see Peter and John while they were speaking to the people? 4:1

 =The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees

Why were they greatly disturbed? 4:2

 =Peter and John were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead

What did they do to Peter and John? 4:3

 = proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead

Why did they put Peter and John in the jail over night? 4:3

 =delivering the message

How long were Peter and John were talking about the power of Jesus’ name, salvation, and resurrection?

 =3-4 hours

What was the result of the Apostles’ message? 4:4

 =the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

Did they believe because of the miracle or because of the message? 4:4

 =by the message

 =Deut. 13-false prophet

 =2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

 =salvation from word of God

1. Who met to open the Sanhedrin court? 4:5,6

=the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law

What is the Sanhedrin?

 =71 members: Highest legal authority

 =23 can handle minor problem.

 =for evidence, they need two witnesses

Have you ever stood before a judge in the court?

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If so, what was the main thought in your heart?

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With what question did the Sanhedrin begin their investigation? 4:7

 =by what power and what name did you do this?

What is ‘this’? 4:7

 =healing

Why wasn’t Peter afraid before the Sanhedrin? 4:8, Lk.21:14,15

 =The Holy Spirit will be with you.

What did Peter answer to their question? 4:8,9,10

 =Jesus name

What passage from the Old Testament did Peter quote? 4:11

1. Who are the builders?

 =Builders: Annas, Caiaphas, John and Alexander

1. Who is the capstone?

=Jesus Christ

1. What else besides the miracle of healing do men receive through the name of Jesus? 4:12

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

There is no other name. Only Jesus

1. Why were the Sanhedrin members astonished? 4:13
2. The courage of Peter
3. Unschooled ordinary men
4. They took note that these men had been with Jesus.

=these men had been with Jesus

1. The dilemma of the Sanhedrin
2. What did the Sanhedrin find after their investigation? 4:14,16

=14: there was nothing they could say

=a notable sign, and we cannot deny it

1. Why then didn’t they believe in the name of Jesus?

=pride, hardness.

=they don’t concern about the truth, but they concerned their protection of their institution.

1. What was their decision (the court decision)? 4:17

=warning: not to teach Jesus any more.

1. Why couldn’t they punish the Apostles? 4:21

=because all the people were praising God for what had happened.

1. What was the goal of the Sanhedrin? 4:17a

=to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people

What did the Sanhedrin order the Apostles? 4:18

 =not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus

What situation did the Apostles face? 4:18, 1:8, 5:20

 =you will be my witnesses to all over the world.

Why didn’t warning and threat silence Peter and John? 4:19,20

 =What is right in God’s eyes

Why does Satan try to stop Jesus’ name from spreading?

 =Salvation from Jesus’ name

Who does Satan use to stop Jesus’ name?

 =religious leaders and political leaders to stop Jesus name.

1. Have you already been silenced or are you speaking out the name of Jesus?

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1. What is the benefit of persecution?

=refining our faith.