

## ACTS: LESSON 5

### V. PETER AND JOHN ARRESTED FOR PREACHING CHRIST (Chapter 4).

- A. Peter and John trouble Sadducees with preaching of resurrection - locked up over night (4:1-4).
  - 1. Believers increase to about 5,000 men.
  
- B. Peter presents his defense before the Council (4:5-12).
  - 1. Lame man healed in the name or power of Jesus of Nazareth.
  - 2. Jesus is the corner stone.
  - 3. In no other name or authority is there salvation.
  
- C. Council consults privately (4:13-17).
  - 1. Perceive that unschooled Peter and John had been with Jesus.
  - 2. Knew they could not speak anything against the miracle - man stood before them whole.
  - 3. Decide to threaten Peter and John.
  
- D. Council commands that speaking in Jesus' name must stop - Peter and John must speak what they saw and heard (4:18-22).
  - 1. People glorify God for miracle upon man more than forty years old.
  
- E. Peter and John give report and the twelve pray for boldness (4:23-31).
  
- F. Unity and liberality of the church expressed (4:32-36).
  - 1. Multitude of believers were of one heart and soul.
  - 2. None among them lacked.

### QUESTIONS:

- 1. Why were the Sadducees troubled by what Peter and John preached?
  
- 2. How much had the membership of the church increased from its beginning in Acts 2?
  
- 3. What **FIVE facts** about Jesus did Peter present in his defense before the Council?

4. In what way were Peter and John "unlearned" and "ignorant men"?
  
5. What did Peter and John refuse to do when threatened by Council?
  
6. What Psalm is applied by Peter as a Messianic Psalm ?  
From whom did this Psalm originate?
  
7. For what did the apostles pray?

Was their prayer answered?

8. How did the believers help their brethren in need?

What individual contributed to helping the needy brethren?