

Acts 4

- 1) Verse one mentions “priests, the captain of the Temple, and the Sadducees.” Verses 5-6 adds “rulers, elders, “Annas the high priest, Caiaphas” and others. 5:24 adds the “chief priests.” Question: With the help of Acts 4:15 and 5:21, can you tell what governing Jewish body is represented by these passages? (*Hint: The NIV translation makes this simple.*)
- 2) Why were the Sadducees particularly disturbed by what the apostles taught? (*for help see Acts 3:15, THEN Matt. 22:23 or Acts 23:8*)
- 3) What does the angry reaction of the Jewish officials suggest about the healing of the lame man?
- 4) Explain the difference between the reaction of the Jewish officials in this chapter, and their reaction in Acts 5:17:
- 5) Who is arrested in this chapter? Who is arrested in chapter 5? (*hint: see 5:18*)
- 6) Is there anything wrong with the interrogators’ question of verse 7? What is *good* about it? Compare 1 Thessalonians 5:21:
- 7) Who answered the question of verse 7, and with whose help?
- 8) What accusation did Peter make in verse 10 that he had made in the previous two chapters?
- 9) How did council members characterize Peter and John (v. 13) and what did it mean?

- 10) How did the presence of the healed man harm the credibility and the argument of the Sanhedrin council members?
- 11) How did Peter and John react and respond to the council threats?
How did the apostles respond in 5:29?
- 12) How did the church respond upon hearing the report from Peter and John? What did God do in response to their action?
- 13) What earlier passage in chapter 2 can be compared to Acts 4:32-37?
- 14) Basically, what were the saints doing according to verses 32-37?
Why?
- 15) According to this chapter, to what number has the disciples grown?
What number was given in chapter two?
- 16) Disciples laid monetary proceeds at "the apostles' feet" (v. 35). What money storing practice is authorized by this verse? Specifically, what *expedient* is authorized?
- 17) What disciple is singled out for his peculiar generosity?