

ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES: CHAPTER 4

Growth & Persecution

An aftermath of the healing of the crippled man (chapter 3), Peter & John are arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin. The Jewish leadership was in a corner. There was no denying the miracle (16).

The Jewish hierarchy were upset with the apostles because:

- The church continued to _____ (4)
- The apostle continued to _____ the people (2)
- The apostles continued to insist that Jesus was _____ (2)

The Establishment Tries to Intimidate the Apostles

- _____ them (3)
- Put them in _____ (3)
- Demand to have _____ (7)
- Brought them before the formal _____ (15)
- _____ them (21)

Luke lists ten names or categories of opposition

- The temple guard that arrested Jesus, grab Peter & John
- The same council that found Jesus guilty now try Peter & John

Intimidation is an attempt to _____ behavior using _____
Intimidation is a tactic of bullies who _____ their position and power

How to deal with intimidation: The example of Peter

1. He answered with _____ (10)
2. He stood with _____ (13)
3. He _____ his intentions (20)



- Faith _____ fear

A. Jesus is Presented as:

- the _____ the crippled is well (10)
- the chief _____ (11; Eph 2:20)
- the _____ (12)
- God _____ (10)
- God _____ (11)

Four Pictures of the Church Come from this Chapter

1. _____ church: nearly 70% in a few weeks
2. _____ church (Mk 13:9-11)
3. _____ church (32)
4. _____ church (34-35)

B. The powerful prayer of the church (24-31)

- they did not ask for _____ to change
- they asked for _____ to speak God's word (31)

C. Peter's reference to the cornerstone comes from Ps 118

- same passage Jesus quoted about the cornerstone (Mk 12:10)

D. The apostles continue to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus (33)

