

Been with Jesus
Acts 4:1-17

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I. The religious leaders were mad. Acts 4:1-6

1. Peter and John were preaching Jesus, as the _____.
2. Peter and John were teaching about Jesus' _____.

The Sadducees didn't believe in angels, miracles, or the _____ from the dead. Acts 23:6-8

II. Jesus is the rejected Cornerstone. Acts 4:7-12

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, so he was not _____ by these religious leaders, but he had power and authority given through the Spirit, to proclaim the truth to the Sanhedrin. 2 Timothy 1:7

- The LORD told Moses to speak to the **rock** the second time, and there was no need to hit it. But instead of speaking to the **rock**, Moses, in his anger, _____ the **rock** a second time.

Peter was giving these religious leaders a sobering visual about how they rejected Jesus as Messiah, because Jesus is the chief Cornerstone that the builders _____.

III. They learned from their Master. Acts 4:13-14

The religious leaders may have thought these men were **uneducated and untrained**, but Peter and John had been trained by the best; they were _____ by Jesus Himself, for three years.

- "Had they succeeded (refuting the Disciples), how quickly and completely the new movement would have _____!" (Bruce)

For three years, Peter and John sat at His feet, followed Him, and served Jesus as He taught them, and even served these men, praying for them, washing their feet, and _____ for them.

IV. Forbidden from sharing Christ. Acts 4:15-17

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He _____, and that He is a _____ of those who diligently seek Him. NKJV

- If you refuse to believe the true Gospel message, you are by default against it, because there is no _____ ground.

V. Practical Application.

If we have been spending quality time with Jesus, we will be _____.

- If we have been spending quality time with Jesus, we will be courageous in our _____.

If we have been spending quality time with Jesus, we will _____ like Him.

- If we have been spending quality time with Jesus, we will be _____ to Him and His Gospel. **Romans 1:16**

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 4:1-6**. Discuss the two reasons why the religious leaders were mad at Peter and John as listed in point I. of the sermon note sheet. *What were the two main differences between the Sadducees and the Pharisees?*
Matthew 1:16, John 4:26, John 20:31, John 11:25, 1 Peter 1:3, Acts 23:6-8, Matthew 15:3-6, Colossians 2:8
2. Read **Acts 4:7-12**. Discuss Jesus being the Rock of scripture as well as being the Cornerstone.
Numbers 20:7-11, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4, Psalm 118:22, 1 Kings 5:17-18, John 2:19
3. Read **Acts 4:13-14**. Discuss how the people we spend time with can affect our witness and attitudes. *Is it true that Peter and John were untrained and uneducated? Who is the best teacher for a follower of Christ?*
1 Corinthians 11:1, 1 Corinthians 15:33, John 14:26, Matthew 14:13, Mark 1:35, Mark 6:45-46, 1 Chronicles 16:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, 1 Peter 2:2
4. Read **Acts 4:15-17**. *Why can't historical facts give someone salvation? What two things does Hebrews 11:6 communicate that someone must believe to be saved? Is there a middle-ground while following Jesus?*
Hebrews 11:6, Romans 10:9-10, John 1:11-12, John 3:16, Matthew 12:30, John 3:36, 1 John 5:11-13
5. Discuss the four points of the Practical Application of the sermon.
2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 1:16