

THE BOOK OF ACTS

February 10, 2019

Acts 4:1-22

READ

Acts 4:1-22 Mark 14:66-72

QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What is the conflict primarily about in Acts 4? Why is this so important? What does a name represent (v. 7)?
2. What is so significant about God's name?
 - Exodus 3:15
 - Deuteronomy 12:11
 - Deuteronomy 18:20, 22
 - Psalm 54:1
 - Psalm 75:1
 - Psalm 124:8
 - Psalm 8:1
 - Psalm 30:4
 - Psalm 52:9
 - Psalm 72:19
 - Psalm 76:1
 - Psalm 99:3
3. What benefits derive from His name?
 - Psalm 23:3; 31:3
 - Psalm 25:11
 - Psalm 79:9
 - Psalm 103:1-5
 - Psalm 109:21
 - Psalm 143:11
4. Why does God's name warrant a command (Exodus 20:7; Leviticus 19:12)? (What's the big deal?)?
5. Who comprises the Council (Sanhedrin) (v. 5)? Why are they so "greatly disturbed" at Peter & John that it warrants their arrest by the captain of the temple guard (v. 2)?

6. What was Peter's demeanor the last time he was on the high priest's turf (Mark 14:66-72)? What was the reason for that succession of events? What is Peter's demeanor now (v. 8)? How have things changed?

7. What is the significance of Jesus as "the chief cornerstone" (v. 11)? How does this relate to v. 12 (c.f., Psalm 118:21-23)?

8. What is the amazing reaction by the Council to these "uneducated and untrained men" (v. 14)? The explanation is that (v. 13b) . . .

9. What does the Council do with these men (vv. 18, 21)? What is the apostles' response (vv. 19-20)? Has anything like this ever happened to you? How did you respond? How can you respond the next time it happens? How is 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 helpful?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

1. I will spend time with Jesus this week by . . .

2. I will speak up for Jesus this week by . . .