



LIVE - Stand Firm

Week 4: 'Bear Witness'

Acts 4:1-21

Peter and John before the Council

1 While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. 2 These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. 3 They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning. 4 But many of the people who heard their message believed it, so the number of men who believed now totaled about 5,000.

5 The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. 7 They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, 9 are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? 10 Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. 11 For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says,

'The stone that you builders rejected
has now become the cornerstone.'

12 There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

13 The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. 14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say. 15 So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves.

16 "What should we do with these men?" they asked each other. "We can't deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. 17 But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again." 18 So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John replied, "Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than him? 20 We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard."

21 The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn't know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God

Prayer Requests



Lawrence Johnson

Jean Tinch

Theo Atwood (Donna Parrett's great grandbaby)

Karianna Gibbs & baby

Becky Jefferson

Donna Parrett

Search Team and the search for a new pastor

Denise Matthews (Alea Lucas' mom)

**A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.

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Memorize 1 Bible verse a month



Pricing will depend on number of people to sign up.
Cost will range from \$3 to \$5 per person every month.
Sign up sheet by offering box will be available until August 6.
Money due August 13.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are needing some more volunteers in the following areas:

Teachers for K-5th Grade class

Teachers for Children's Church

Audio and Visual team

Please see Alea if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Janet Clavell 7-30

Pam Gobin 8-2

Pat Gordon 8-2



Vitals for July 23

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$2,847

Sunday School - 26

Morning Service - 52

3 easy ways to give:

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