Passages from Acts 4 New International Readers Version (NIrV)



¹Peter and John were speaking to the people. The priests, the captain of the temple guard, and the Sadducees came up to the apostles. ²They were very upset by what the apostles were teaching the people. The apostles were saying that people can be raised from the dead. They said this can

happen because Jesus rose from the dead. ³So the temple authorities arrested Peter and John. ⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.⁷ They had Peter and John brought to them. They wanted to question them. "By what power did you do this?" they asked. "And through whose name?" ⁸ Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹Are you asking us to explain our actions today? Do you want to know why we were kind to a man who couldn't walk? Are you asking how he was healed? ¹⁰ Then listen to this, you and all the people of Israel! You nailed Jesus Christ of Nazareth to the cross. But God raised him from the dead. It is through Jesus' name that this man stands healed in front of you. "Scripture says that Jesus is 'the stone you builders did not accept. But it has become the most important stone of all.' ¹² You can't be saved by believing in anyone else. God has given people no other name under heaven that will save them." ¹³ The leaders saw how bold Peter and John were. They also realized that Peter and John were ordinary men with no training. This surprised the leaders. They realized that these men had been with Jesus. ¹⁴The leaders could see the man who had been healed. He was standing there with them. So there was nothing they could say. ¹⁵ They ordered Peter and John to leave the Sanhedrin. Then they talked things over. ¹⁶ "What can we do with these men?" they asked. "Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed an unusual miracle. We can't say it didn't happen. ¹⁷We have to stop this thing. It must not spread any further among the people. We have to warn these men. They must never speak to anyone in Jesus' name again." ¹⁸ Once again the leaders called in Peter and John. They commanded them not to speak or teach at all in Jesus' name.¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, "Which is right from God's point of view? Should we listen to you? Or should we listen to God? You be the judges! ²⁰ There's nothing else we can do. We have to speak about the things we've seen and heard." ²³ Peter and John were allowed to leave. They went back to their own people. They reported everything the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ The believers heard this. Then they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Lord and King," they said, "you made the heavens, the earth and the sea. You made everything in them. ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider the bad things they say they are going to do. Help us to be very bold when we speak your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand to heal. Do signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. They were bold when they spoke God's word.

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