



Acts of the Apostles

Witness to the World

Lesson 3

Acts 3:1-4:22

- The healing of the lame man—3:1-1
- The proclamation of the gospel—3:11-26
- The results of Peter's preaching—4:1-4
- The trial of Peter and John—4:5-22

Deut. 18:15-19 *'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, ... and I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I shall command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.... And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him' —.*

John 15:18-21 *"If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they will keep yours also. But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know the One who sent Me".*

Mat 28:18 *And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me*

Psa 118:22 *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.*

1Pe 3:15-16 *but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.*

1. God planned and foretold that the Christ, the Messiah, would suffer (v. 18). Why was his suffering necessary? (Isa. 53:5–6, 10a; Rom. 3:23; 1 Pet. 3:18)

2. Peter compares Jesus to Moses. What similarity is Peter emphasizing? (v. 22; Deut. 18:18; □ Jn. 12:49-50)

3. Who are the people God intends to bless through Abraham’s offspring, Jesus? (vv. 25–26; Rom. 1:16)

How does God intend to bless them? (v. 26b; Rom. 6:22)

4. Peter and John are speaking to the people after the healing of the crippled beggar.

Why are the officials “greatly disturbed” (v. 2)?

Why do they feel threatened?

Mt. 27:62–64; 28:5-6, 11–15

Lk. 20:46–47a

Jn. 11:47–48

Acts 23:8a

5. This ruling council is flexing all its authoritative muscle to get this situation under control. These officials “commanded [Peter and John] not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus” (v. 18).

a. Why? (v.17)

b. Why are Peter and John undaunted by the authority of the high council? (v. 19)