

Called into Question

Acts 4:1-31

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1. What upset the religious leaders, and how did they respond?
2. Just a few weeks have passed since Annas and Caiaphas had been involved in the condemnation of Jesus. In his response to their question “By what power or what name did you do this?” Peter is forcing them to encounter Jesus again. What does Peter say about Jesus (vv. 10-12)?
3. How do you feel and how do you respond when you are challenged or criticized about your faith in Jesus?
4. In what ways does the church confront the world with Jesus Christ today?

How does the church fail to do this?

5. In verses 13-22, why was it so difficult for the opposing religious leaders to bring this unacceptable behavior to a halt?
6. How do these same things, when present in our Christian communities, enhance accomplishing the task of spreading the news about Jesus?
7. Imagine that you had been in a group of believers to whom John and Peter returned and told what had happened. What would have been your reaction?

8. Read Acts 4:23-31. What was the reaction of the believers to John and Peter's account?

9. What is the significance of their unity in the midst of their task and power being challenged?

10. What does their prayer tell you about their faith in the character, power, and faithfulness of God?

11. What do your prayers communicate about your view of God?

12. What did they finally request of God in the last part of their prayer?

13. "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly" (v. 31). In what ways do you need the power of the Holy Spirit to face the world today?