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Bible Studies 2023

Has being a Christian ever gotten you in trouble?

**Read Acts 4:1-31**

Why are Peter and John arrested?

The apostles have been asked to defend themselves. But instead, they go on the attack and take this opportunity to preach the gospel.

Look at Matthew 26:56-58; 69-75 – How has Peter changed before and after being given the Holy Spirit?

What is meant by cornerstone? (vs11) – How does this connect to Jesus?

The Sanhedrin strongly disagree with what Peter has said. Why do they struggle to come up with a response? (vs 14-17)

How do Peter and John respond to their warning?

How do the other believers respond to the Sanhedrin's threats? What do they pray for? (make a list)

What might you expect them to pray for? / What would you pray for if you were in their position?

We have been commanded to share our faith with others. The believers in this passage will not compromise on this even when the leaders of their people warn them not to (vs 19-20). What stops you from speaking boldly?

The Sadducees don't believe there is any resurrection or afterlife – so find it impossible to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. What assumptions and priorities make it difficult for various groups of people today to accept Jesus even when they can't refute the evidence? How is it possible for these barriers to be overcome?

Under what circumstances must Christians disobey human authorities? What could be a modern version of what we see in this passage? How can we be sure that a command of God authorises us to disobey in a particular situation?