



## Tell Me the Story of Jesus

## Lesson 28 – Acts 04

### People — Who is involved?

*Peter and John arrested.  
The Jewish Sanhedrin and perhaps other Jewish religious leaders.  
The disciples in Jerusalem.  
Barnabas, a generous disciple*

### Places — Where does it happen?

*Jerusalem*

### Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 1 – Many of the priests were Sadducees. Sadducees did not believe in resurrection; therefore, they were disturbed that the apostles preached that Jesus was raised from the dead.*
- Vs 5 – “Rulers” probably refers to the chief priests; “elders” were men of age, influence, and position among the people; “scribes” teachers of the law who kept Jewish records and traditions. These three groups constituted the Jewish high court, the Sanhedrin.*
- Vs 6 – Annas was recognized by Jews as the rightful high priest, although he had been deposed by the Romans; Caiaphas was the acting high priest (see events surrounding the death of Jesus); though identity is uncertain, John and Alexander were probably influential Rabbans of priestly descent.*
- Vs 7 – Note the use of the term “name.” It is used here by the religious rulers and suggests the idea of “authority.” The apostles will seize on this term in their response (10,12,17).*
- Vs 11 – This reference is to the prophecy found in Psalm 118:22 which they would have recognized.*
- Vs 12 – Only by Jesus can a person be saved. Not by any other who makes similar claims.*
- Vs 19 – Other passages supporting this: Ex. 1:17; 2 Chron. 26:16-20; Dan. 3:18 & 6:10; Acts 5:29.*
- Vs 25 – This reference is found in Psalm 2:1-2.*
- Vs 27 – Herod Antipas and Pontius Pilate fulfill the prophecy as “kings” and “rulers.”*
- Vs 32 – This is not requiring “communism” as a political philosophy. It is saying that Christians sacrificed so that none was actually lacking things they needed.*
- Vs 33 – This shows the apostles did not stop preaching even though ordered to do so by the Sanhedrin.*
- Vs 35 – “The apostles’ feet” is simply a way of saying that they gave it to the apostles for distribution.*
- Vs 36 – Barnabas was Jewish (of the tribe of Levi) but he had come from the island of Cyprus.*

### Perspectives — What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. We must always do what is right before God even if men demand otherwise.*
- 2. We must be bold in asserting the truth of the Gospel even in the face of adversity.*
- 3. We must be generous and help to provide for those other Christians who are in need.*