



Synopsis

A snapshot of the chapter

This chapter is concerned with the reactions of the Jewish religious leaders to the events surrounding the healing of the lame man, including the growing number (about 5000) of disciples among the citizens. Peter and John were arrested and brought before the Jewish rulers. They were forbidden to speak in the name of Jesus. When they refused to obey, they were threatened but let go. They went back to fellow disciples and reported what had happened and all prayed for boldness to speak openly of Christ. We are also introduced here to Barnabas, a generous and effective disciple who will be important in the future. Many disciples helped those in need even to the point of selling property and bringing it to the apostles.

Observation—What do you see?

Important Person(s):

Main Event(s):

Study Questions:

- 1. Why were the apostles arrested?*
- 2. Where did Peter and John tell the rulers that salvation can be found?*
- 3. What did Peter and John say when they were forbidden to speak in the name of Jesus?*
- 4. To whom did David's prophecy about the "kings of the earth" specifically refer?*
- 5. How did the early Christians provide for those in need?*

Questions:

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- 2.
- 3.