

Acts 3:1-4:31 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. Based on Acts 3:17-21 how did Peter show grace (v17) and of what did he remind them (v18)? How did he tell them to respond to this grace (v19) and what would happen (v20-21)?

5. Read 3:22-26. What had been prophesied (v22-23, 25), and who had prophesied this (v22, 24)? Why should these Jews respond (v25-26)?

6. In 4:1-4 what happened to Peter and John (v1, 3) and why (v2)? What effect did their message have (v4) and how many were now believers (v4)?

7. Using 4:5-12 who examined the apostles (v5-6) and what did they ask (v7)? Outline Peter's answer (v8-10, 11, 12) and explain verse 12. What was the source of his wisdom (v8)?

8. From 4:13-22 what 3 things were the leaders unable to ignore (v13, 14, 16)? What was their reaction (v17-18) and how did the apostles respond (v19-20)? What was the result (v21-22)?

9. According to 4:23-28 how did group respond to the disciples' report (v23-24)? What were the elements of the first part of their prayer (v24, 25-26, 27-28)? What did they understand?

10. In 4:29-31 what did they ask God to do (v29, 30) and what were the results of this prayer time (v31)? Apply.

11. Looking back over Acts 3-4 how can we follow the example of Peter and John—the way the opportunity unfolded, their usage of it, their response to opposition, their understanding of what had happened, and the outcome?

Scripture to Remember

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12 (NASV)

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Life Group Questions—The Rock that Got Stoned (Acts 7:51-60)

(Using questions from Sunday's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with your group about the toughest message you ever had to deliver to someone and what that was like. What are some of those situations and how do you handle them typically?
2. Read Acts 7:51-60. What was the effect of Stephen's message (v54) and why do you think he was so direct? How do we know when to be gentle and when to be direct?
3. Discuss how you think Stephen felt when he looked up (v55-56). How does it feel knowing that Jesus is “standing” for you before the Father? How can we apply this?
4. Talk about why the leaders reacted like they did to Stephen (v57-58). What can we often expect when we have to deliver the truth?
5. How had the Jews misinterpreted the concept of the Messiah and why? How does this happen today? Have you ever fallen prey to a misinterpretation of Scripture?
6. Discuss the 2 impacts that Stephen's faithfulness had. Think of someone that has had an impact on you and share about that. Who do you think is watching you?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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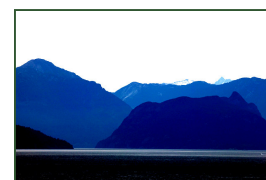
- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Is That All You Got?

Acts 3:1-4:31

Often after the first punch is thrown in a fight the recipient will taunt the other fighter with “Is that all you got?” In other words they can handle anything the other one gives them. In this week’s study in Acts the same question is asked in a different way. A man lame from birth was begging at the temple for money when Peter and John arrived to pray. Telling him to look at them they said that they had no money; rather, they extended the offer for healing in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene. This was “all they got”, but it was enough. The man, out of options, took Peter’s hand, arose as strength returned to his ankles, and began to walk, praising God. As a crowd gathered in amazement Peter used this to explain the opportunity that they, too, had as well. He told

them that Jesus, the Prince of life, whom they had unjustly delivered to Pilate was the source of this miracle. He had been resurrected by God and the man, by faith in Him, had been healed. Peter directed them to repent so that God could refresh them and send Jesus to them at the end. He was the one promised by the prophets as the Seed who would bless the nations, but who had been sent first to the Jews. Next, when the Jewish leaders heard of this they had them arrested, but these apostles, by their faith in God, would extinguish the opposition of these leaders. Significantly, many who heard had believed and the number of families in the early church had grown to five thousand. When examined the next day the apostles simply said that this very Jesus whom they



The manifest destiny of disciples is to recapture the world for Jesus.

had crucified was alive and the source of the miracle. He was the only name under heaven by which people could be saved. The leaders had to release them since the miracle had clearly occurred, even though Peter and John refused to be quiet. When they reported to their companions they prayed together, praising God for His sovereign plan as revealed by the opposition to Jesus and His resulting victory. They asked for more confidence and miracles, and when they finished the Spirit filled them anew and they spoke with boldness. That was “all they got”.

Study Questions for Acts 3:1-4:31

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

1. Read Acts 3:1-3. Where were Peter and John going (v1) and who did they encounter (v2)? Describe his situation and what he was doing (v2, 3).	
2. From 3:4-10 how did Peter respond to the man (v4) and what did he expect (v5)? What did he get (v6-8) and what was the reason (v6)? What were the two results (v9, 10)?	
3. Using 3:11-16 how did Peter deal with the crowd’s reaction (v11-12) and what was his explanation (v13, 16)? With what truth did he confront them (v13-15)?	

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