

# Discussion Questions for Acts 4:1-31

1. Read Acts 4:1-4. Review Acts 3, if needed. Consider the outcome of Peter and John's healing of the lame beggar in Chapter 3. How did this action affect both the religious leaders and the crowd?
2. Read Acts 4:5-12. When Peter and John were questioned by the religious leaders, how did they respond?
3. Who directed Peter and John's words and what was their major claim?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 12:13, Romans 8:9, and Ephesians 1:13-14. What do these verses tell you about the Holy Spirit in the life of a Christian?
5. Have you ever felt the power of the Holy Spirit in either your words or actions or the words or actions of someone else? Describe the experience. Is there an area of your life where you could use the help of the Holy Spirit? Consider praying for his assistance.
6. Read Acts 4:13-17. The religious leaders held the belief that Jesus was an imposter and not the Messiah. As you ponder the role of the leaders in this context, imagine what arguments or actions you would have used to convince Peter and John to cease preaching the gospel if you were in their shoes. Why do you think these attempts were ultimately unsuccessful?
7. Read Acts 4:18-20. How do Peter and John respond to the leaders instructions to stop spreading the gospel message? What gave them this boldness?
8. Have you ever been in a situation where you needed to disagree with a leader, mentor, or someone in authority? Did you do it respectfully and convincingly? Were you in the right or in the wrong? What was the outcome?
9. Read Acts 4:21-22. What was the outcome of Peter and John's skirmish with the religious leaders? Why did the story end this way?
10. Read Acts 4:23-31. How did the believers respond to Peter and John's release?
11. What did the believers pray? What was the answer from God?
12. Describe a time when you prayed to God and received an answer. What do you need to pray for now?