Acts Lesson 5 (2024)

**SALVATION IS FOUND ONLY IN JESUS**

(Acts 4:1-31)

**Open it:**

1. If you had to defend yourself in a court of law, how well would you hold up under cross-examination?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-4. Why were the Sadducees and the captain of the temple guard so disturbed by the apostles’ preaching? How did they try to stop them? What was the result of the apostles’ preaching?
2. Read verses 5-7. Before whom were Peter and John brought? What do you know about these Jewish leaders? (Jn. 18:13, 14) About what were Peter and John interrogated?
3. Read verses 8-11. What did Peter say about the man who had been healed? What did he say about Jesus? What did he say about those leaders to whom he was speaking?
4. Read verse 12. What is the climax of his testimony? How can he say that there is no other way of salvation other than Jesus? (11, 12; Jn. 14:6) Can we who live in a multi-cultural environment say this? Why or why not?
5. Read verses 13-22. What did the rulers realize about Peter and John? What was the source of the apostles’ strength, courage, and wisdom? (13) What was the dilemma of the religious leaders? (14-17) What did they do? What was the apostles’ response? Why did the religious leaders let them go? (18-22)
6. Read verses 23-31. From what perspective did the believers see these events? How was Scripture fulfilled? What were their prayer topics? God’s response? What can we learn from them?

**Apply it:**

1. How could you strengthen your courage about being a Christian in your place of work, neighborhood, or family?