



ACTS 4 • MOVEMENT 3

They Had Been with Jesus

Acts 4:13–22

BOLDNESS • FORMATION • EVIDENCE • OBEDIENCE



Big Idea

Being with Jesus shapes ordinary people to speak clearly, stand faithfully, and point visible fruit back to God.

Listen for These Movements

- The council sees Peter and John's boldness.
- The council recognizes that they had been with Jesus.
- The healed man stands with them as evidence.
- The council commands them to stop speaking about Jesus.
- Peter and John choose obedience to God.
- The people glorify God for what happened.

Words to Understand

Boldness: Clear, open speech even when pressure makes silence easier.

Unlearned and ignorant: Without the council's elite schooling or official rank; not unintelligent.

Notable miracle: A clear and widely known act of God that could not honestly be denied.

Hearken: Listen to and obey.



Discuss

- Where are men most tempted to stay quiet, become harsh, or protect their image?
- How does time with Jesus change the way a man responds under pressure?
- What responsibility do Peter and John show toward the healed man and toward one another?
- How can men speak firmly without becoming disrespectful?

My Forward & Higher Next Step

Choose one place where pressure has encouraged silence, anger, or image protection. Spend time with Jesus, then take one clear and loving step of responsibility this week.

This week I will make time to be with Jesus by:

One person or place where I need to speak clearly about Jesus:

Prayer

Jesus, shape my words and my life. Give me courage without pride. Help me tell the truth about what You have done and obey You when silence feels easier. Amen.