



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

- What does this passage teach about using the voice God has given you?
- How can pressure make a person question whether her witness matters?
- What support do Peter, John, and the healed man receive by standing together?
- How can women speak truth with both courage and love?

My Forward & Higher Next Step

Name one place where fear or past hurt has made your voice feel small. Ask Jesus for courage, then share one clear truth about what He has done with someone you trust.

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.