



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 do credentials, social media approval, or peer pressure shape what people are willing to say?
- What is the difference between being educated and being formed by Jesus?
- How can a young adult give a Christ-centered testimony without making the story about self?
- What respectful obedience might cost you something right now?

My Forward & Higher Next Step

Identify one audience whose approval has too much control over your witness. Practice one short, honest, Christ-centered statement you can use when faith comes up.

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.