



# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

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# Review of Acts 1 and 2

- **Acts 1:**

- **Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to the apostles. 1:8**
- **Jesus ascends.**
- **Matthias is chosen to replace Judas.**

- **Acts 2:**

- **As promised, the Holy Spirit comes upon the twelve. 2:1-4**
- **Peter preaches the Gospel of Christ for the first time.**
- **About 3,000 souls respond to the message and are baptized.**

# The Narrative of Acts 3 and 4

- Peter and John meet and assist a lame man. Acts 3:1-10
- Peter preaches his second (recorded) sermon.
- Peter and John are arrested for preaching concerning the resurrection. Acts 4:1-3
- Peter and John are forbidden to speak of Jesus. Acts 4:15-18
- Peter and John refuse to witness. Acts 4:19-21

# A Word Picture of Jesus

- His Servant. 3:13
- The Holy One and the Just. 3:14
- Prince of life. 3:15
- The Christ. 3:18
- The Prophet. 3:22
- Seed. 3:25

# Boldness Can Increase

- **Peter and John are before the Sanhedrin.**
  - This court condemned Jesus not long ago.
  - How would Peter hold up under the questioning? Luke 22:54-60
- **Peter responds to the questions. Acts 4:7-12**
  - Sanhedrin sees boldness in their response and demeanor.
  - Ironic that the scholars go mute at this critical time (4:13, 14).
- **Sanhedrin rules to forbid speaking of Jesus. Acts 4:15-18**
  - Peter's bold reply: 4:19, 20
- **Notice what the apostles request in their prayer. Acts 4:23-31**

# A Picture of Unity

- **Acts 4:32-35**
- **“Multitude was of one heart and one soul...”**
  - No real need existed because brethren cared for other brethren.
- **Acts 4:36, 37**
- **Josef or Barnabas is singled out as one who gave.**
  - Son of encouragement.
  - A generous, encouraging man.

# Conclusion

- **3 images:**

- 1. An image of Jesus**
- 2. Boldness in action**
- 3. A picture of unity and oneness**

- **Do you desire to join the family that shares the common goal of glorifying God?**