

# Acts.



ACTS IS THE CONTINUING STORY  
OF KING JESUS EMPOWERING HIS  
PEOPLE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT

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ACTS 4:5-6 NIV

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Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him<sup>13</sup> and brought him first to **Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year.**<sup>4</sup> Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people.

JOHN 18:12-14 NIV

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ACTS 4:5-7 NIV

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One day as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple courts and proclaiming the good news, **the chief priests and the teachers of the law, together with the elders,** came up to him. <sup>2</sup> **“Tell us by what authority you are doing these things,”** they said. “Who gave you this authority?”

LUKE 20:1-2 NIV

## Who Are the Apostles?

Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

ACTS 4:8-10 NIV

## Who Are the Apostles?

“But before all this, **they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name.** <sup>13</sup> And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup> But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup> For **I will give you words and wisdom** that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict.

LUKE 21:12-15 NIV

# Who Are the Apostles?

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were **unschooled, ordinary men**, they were astonished and they took note that these men **had been with Jesus**.

ACTS 4:13 NIV

# Who is Jesus?

...It is by the name of **Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you **crucified** but whom **God raised from the dead**, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> **Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”** <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

ACTS 4:10b-12 NIV

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ACTS 4:9,12 NIV

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LUKE 21:15 NIV

But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, **there was nothing they could say.**

<sup>16</sup> “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and **we cannot deny it.**”

ACTS 4:14, 16 NIV

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Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> **As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.**”

ACTS 4:18-20 NIV

# Who is Jesus?

The Glorified Servant (3:13, 26)

Holy and Righteous One (3:14)

Substitute (3:14)

Author of Life (3:15)

Raised from the Dead (3:15)

The Suffering Messiah (3:18)

The Chosen One (3:20)

The Promised Prophet (3:22)

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