

THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

**Biblical courage is the
surrender to God's
sovereignty,
and our trust in God's
strength, not in our own.**

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What do we lack?

Acts 4:13-22


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13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

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Need a brain 13

- ordinary men
- no special training
- been with Jesus!


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14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

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15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another,


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16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.


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17 "But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name."


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18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.


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19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

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Need some courage 14-19

- they cannot deny
- will they scare?
- should we obey you or...?


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20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."


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21 When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened;


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22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

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- we cannot stop telling
- seen and heard


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What He has done for me – how can I do less?

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God, give me...



a Brain



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Courage



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