

¹ Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them,

SADDUCEES

This prominent Jewish sect, though not so numerous as their opponents, the Pharisees, by their wealth and the priestly descent of many of them had an influence which fully balanced that of their more popular rivals. They were a political party, of priestly and aristocratic tendency, as against the more religious and democratic Pharisees. The most prominent doctrine of the Sadducees was the denial of the immortality of the soul and of the resurrection of the body. The Pharisees believed that Moses had delivered these doctrines to the elders, and that they had in turn handed them on to their successors. The Sadducees rejected all these traditions. From [Acts 23:8](#) we learn that they believed in neither "angel or spirit." As appearances of angels are mentioned in the Law, it is difficult to harmonize their reverence for the Law with this denial.
The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.

Acts 5:17 (NKJV) Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation,

See Mark 12:18 & Acts 23:6-10

² being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

³ And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

⁴ However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came to pass, on the next day, that their rulers, elders, and scribes,

⁶ as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the family of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Annas Was high priest A.D. 7-14. In A.D. 25 Caiaphas, who had married the daughter of Annas ([John 18:13](#)), was raised to that office, and probably Annas was now made president of the [Sanhedrim](#), or deputy or coadjutor of the high priest, and thus was also called high priest along with Caiaphas ([Luke 3:2](#)). By the Mosaic law the high-priesthood was held for life ([Num 3:10](#)); and although Annas had been deposed by the Roman procurator, the Jews may still have regarded him as legally the high priest. Our Lord was first brought before Annas, and after a brief questioning of him ([John 18:19-23](#)) was sent to Caiaphas, when some members of the Sanhedrim had met, and the first trial of Jesus took place ([Mat 26:57-68](#)). This examination of our Lord before Annas is recorded only by John. Annas was president of the Sanhedrim before which Peter and John were brought ([Acts 4:6](#)).
Illustrated Bible Dictionary: And Treasury of Biblical History, Biography, Geography, Doctrine, and Literature.

⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, "By what power or by what name have you done this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel:

⁹ If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well,

¹⁰ let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

¹¹ This is the '*stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.*'

See: Psalm 118:22, (Jesus applies this to Himself – Matthew 21:33-45), Ephesians 2:20 & 1st Peter 2:4-8

¹² Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men **by which we must be saved.**"

See: John 3:16-17, John 14:6, 1st Corinthians 3:11, 1st Timothy 2:5-6, Philippians 2:9-11 & Hebrews 7:25

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

¹⁵ But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them *is* evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny *it*."

¹⁷ But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name."

¹⁸ And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.

²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

²¹ So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

²² For the **man was over forty years old** on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

²³ And being let go, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.

²⁴ So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: "Lord, You *are* God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them,

²⁵ who by the mouth of Your servant David have said: '*Why did the nations rage, And the people plot vain things?*'

²⁶ *The kings of the earth took their stand, And the rulers were gathered together Against the Lord and against His Christ.'*

Psalm 2:1-2

²⁷ "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together

²⁸ to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose determined before to be done.

²⁹ Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word,

³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

³¹ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³² Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

³³ And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

³⁴ Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold,

³⁵ and laid *them* at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

³⁶ And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus,

Barnabas in Acts

Barnabas --- disciples afraid of Paul but Barnabas brought Paul to apostles (**Acts 9:26-27**) Barnabas encouraged brethren with purpose of heart to continue with the Lord / he is described as a good man , full of the Holy spirit and faith (**Acts 11:22-24**) Barnabas and Saul/Paul were chosen to bring relief to the brethren dwelling in Jerusalem (**Acts 11:30 & Acts 12:25**) Barnabas and Saul/Paul traveled together on Saul's/Paul's first preaching mission (**Acts 13:2-14:26**) Paul and Barnabas sent to Jerusalem (**Acts 15:2, 12**) Barnabas and Paul had a contention concerning John Mark resulting in Paul taking Silas on his second preaching mission and Barnabas taking Mark (**Acts 15:36-40**)

³⁷ having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.

Questions Acts 4

1. Who was greatly disturbed about the preaching of Jesus and the resurrection of the dead?

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2. Who put Peter and John in custody and what effect did their preaching have prior to their arrest?
3. What do we learn about Annas and Caiaphas from the Illustrated Bible Dictionary?
4. List the verse that speaks of the chief cornerstone and who is the chief cornerstone?
 - a. List the verse from another New Testament book which states, “... *Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone*”?
5. 1st Corinthians 3:11 and 1st Timothy 2:5-6 can be used to further explain which verse in Acts 4?
6. What did the council decide to do with Peter and John?
 - a. How did Peter and John respond to the council?
7. After Peter and John were released where did they go and what did they do?
8. Psalm 2:1-2 can be identified with which verses in chapter 4?
9. Joses was also given what name by the apostles?
 - a. What do we know about this individual from the book of Acts?
10. What will you commit to memory from your study of Acts chapter 4?