

# ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## Lesson #4 -Conflict Arises

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:1-4

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### Introduction:

1. Here we go
2. The church would not be stopped by outward conflict both then and now!
3. We look back to their example and find strength to fight the good fight of faith today!

## **I. THE ANSWER**

### A. THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

1. God raised Him from the dead -Ro 1:4
  - a. The Sadducees denied the resurrection -Mt 22:23, Ac 23:8
  - b. The former lame man was added proof to the resurrection
2. It is by His name and power this man stands whole.

### B. THE REJECTED STONE

1. Peter quotes Psalms 118:22
2. Despite all the evidence they rejected Jesus. Now He is the chief cornerstone!

### C. NO OTHER NAME

1. Continuing to reject Jesus is to forfeit eternal salvation
2. There will be no other Savior (impostors “yes”; saviors “no”)

## **II. THE CONFLICT**

### A. THE NOTABLE MIRACLE

1. He was over forty years of age when he began to walk
2. The miracle was witnessed by over 2,000
3. They could say nothing against it

### B. THEIR DEMAND

1. They insisted the preaching of Jesus should cease
2. Peter and John placed their allegiance in God -Ac 4:19, 20

## **III. THE RESOLUTION**

### A. PRAYER FOR BOLDNESS

1. It is futile to fight against Christ -4:25, 26; Ps 2:1, 2
2. God is always in complete control -4:27-30
3. The Apostles pray for boldness, not ease -4:29
4. God answers with power -4:31

### B. RESULTS

1. The apostles preached the resurrection of Jesus with power -4:33
2. No one lacked any need -4:34-37

Conclusion:

1. Outward conflict will arise against the church (it always has).
2. We learn from the examples given and pray for boldness to stand in the day of adversity.