# "A SPIRIT FILLED RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION"

## ACTS 4:1-22

1. **AN OVERVIEW OF THIS PICTURE OF IRREPRESSIBILITY (4:1-22)**
   1. The Responses To Peter's Witness (4:1-4)
      1. An Event: The Seizure Of Peter & John (4:1-3)
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      1. An Impressive Array Of Inquisitors (4:5-6)
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   3. The Deliberations And Actions Of The Sanhedrin (4:13-18)
      1. They Perceived Several Things About Peter & John (4:13)
         1. Their Boldness
         2. Their Lack Of Formal Education
         3. Their Having *Been With Jesus*
      2. They Convened In Private Consultation (4:14-18)
         1. Having No Answer To The Miracle, They Command The Apostles To Wait Outside The Council (4:14-16)
         2. The Religious Leaders Command The Apostles To Cease & Desist From Speaking About Christ (4:17-18)
   4. The Conclusion Of The Episode (4:19-22)
      1. Peter & John Refuse To Comply With The Directive (4:19-20)
      2. After Further Threatenings The Apostles Are Released (4:21)
2. **FINAL THOUGHTS**