

"A SPIRIT FILLED RESPONSE TO PERSECUTION" ACTS 4:1-22

I. AN OVERVIEW OF THIS PICTURE OF IRREPRESSIBILITY (4:1-22)

A. The Responses To Peter's Witness (4:1-4)

1. An Event: The Seizure Of Peter & John (4:1-3)
2. Though The Apostles Were Bound, The Word Of God Was Not (4:4)

B. The Trial By Interrogation (4:5-12)

1. An Impressive Array Of Inquisitors (4:5-6)
2. Two Primary Questions (4:7)
3. Peter's Amazing Response (4:8-12)

C. The Deliberations And Actions Of The Sanhedrin (4:13-18)

1. They Perceived Several Things About Peter & John (4:13)
 - a. Their Boldness
 - b. Their Lack Of Formal Education
 - c. Their Having *Been With Jesus*
2. They Convened In Private Consultation (4:14-18)
 - a. Having No Answer To The Miracle, They Command The Apostles To Wait Outside The Council (4:14-16)
 - b. The Religious Leaders Command The Apostles To Cease & Desist From Speaking About Christ (4:17-18)

D. 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)

II. FINAL THOUGHTS