**FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Acts 4:1-31 (key verse 8)

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:*

*“Rulers and elders of the people!*

1. Why were the Sadducees and the captain of the temple guard so disturbed by the apostles’ preaching? (1-2) How did they stop them? (3) What was the result of the apostles’ preaching? (4)
2. Before whom were Peter and John brought? (5-6) What do you know about these Jewish leaders? (Jn 18:12-14[[1]](#footnote-2), Mk 14:53,55[[2]](#footnote-3)) About what did they question Peter and John? (7)
3. Despite the threatening situation, how courageous was Peter when he responded to the religious leaders’ question? Explain. (8-11,13) How could Peter be so courageous? (8) What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. What is the climax of his testimony? (12) How can Peter say that there is no other way of salvation other than Jesus? (11,12; Jn 14:6[[3]](#footnote-4)) Can we who live in a multi-cultural environment say this? Why or why not?
5. Why were the rulers astonished? (13) What was the dilemma they faced? (14-16) What did they do? (17-18) What was the apostles’ response? (19-20) Why did the religious leaders let them go? (21-22)
6. After Peter and John returned to their own people, what did everyone do? (23-24) From what perspective did the believers see these events? (25-26) How was Scripture fulfilled? (27-28) What was their prayer topic? (29-30) How did God respond? (31) What can we learn about the importance of being “filled with the Holy Spirit”?
1. **Jn 18:12-14** Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jewish leaders that it would be good if one man died for the people. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. **Mark 14:53,55** They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. **John 14:6** Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)