

Truth Momentum—Part 8 February 28/March 1, 2015
Acts 4:1-22

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) It should come as no surprise that the disciples were facing persecution. Jesus warned us to expect it (John 15:18–20; 16:2; 2 Timothy 3:12).
- 2) 4:1 To protect their political position and wealth, the Sadducees firmly opposed any overt opposition to Rome.
- 3) 4:2 If Jesus had really risen, the Sadducees would be exposed as heretics.
- 4) 4:4 Persecution always has led to the expansion of the church.
- 5) 4:5 The Sanhedrin had the right to investigate Peter and John, but not to arrest innocent men and then refuse to examine the evidence.
- 6) 4:7 Persecution gave the disciples an opportunity they would never have had...to proclaim Jesus before the Supreme Court!
- 7) 4:8 There is one baptism of the Spirit at the moment of salvation (1 Corinthians 12:13), but there must be many fillings if we are to be an effective witness for Jesus (Ephesians 5:18).
- 8) 4:8 Yielding to the Holy Spirit is key when facing opposition.
- 9) 4:11 The reference to Psalm 118:22 was definitely a messianic one. The Council knew precisely to what Peter was referring.
- 10) 4:12 The same Jesus who brought physical healing is the only source of spiritual healing.
- 11) 4:13 In God's Kingdom, availability is more important than ability.

- 12) 4:16 The Council could not deny the miracle, but at the same time they were not willing to accept it.
- 13) 4:18 Early believers had to be commanded to be quiet. Today, many have to be commanded to speak.
- 14) 4:19-20 When God's instructions conflict with government, the government is out of line, not vice-versa.

TODAY'S SONGS

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