



# PETER CONTINUED TO PREACH



Acts 4

Peter and John were at the temple. Peter had healed a man and was preaching. The religious leaders came up to them. They were annoyed that Peter was teaching about Jesus, so they put Peter and John in jail until the next day. Still, many of the people who heard their message believed in Jesus and were saved.

The next day, the religious leaders got together along with the high priest and his family. Peter and John stood before them, and they asked, “By what power or in what name have you been healing and teaching?”

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said to them, “Are you asking us about the healing of the man who could not walk? Are you asking who healed him? We want you and all the people of Israel to know that he was healed by the power of Jesus. You nailed Jesus to a cross, but God raised Him from the dead. It is because of Him that this man is healed!”

Peter told the religious leaders that they rejected Jesus because they thought He was not important, but He is the most important One of all. The religious leaders were amazed, and they didn’t know what to say. They ordered Peter and John to never preach or teach in the name of Jesus again.

Peter and John said, “We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard.” The religious leaders had no reason to punish Peter and John, so they let them go. Peter and John met with other believers and prayed that God would give them power to speak boldly and without fear.



## Big Picture Question:

*Why does God command Christians to tell others about Jesus? We tell others about Jesus so they will hear and believe the good news.*



## Christ Connection:

*Peter continued to preach about Jesus even when it was difficult. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus’ followers from sharing the good news about Jesus. The gospel is great news that we must share if we believe in Jesus Christ.*