

THE STORY CONTINUES...

Two Fishermen Before the Scholars

Acts 4:1–31

“When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

1. In this chapter, Peter and John are acting as witnesses for Christ (Acts 1:8). Do you have a similar commission? (Luke 8:39) Share a time where your relationship with Jesus changed what you did.
2. Verse 2 isn't the first time Peter emphasizes the resurrection. (See also 2:24). Why does he hit so hard on that subject? (2 Corinthians 15:14, 17–22)
3. Peter and John are the ones on trial here. As you scan the chapter, who seems to be in charge of the situation?
4. What effect does God's truth, as spoken by Peter and John, have on “rational” human arguments? (2 Corinthians 10:3–5a)
5. Why do you think God uses “unschooled, ordinary men”? (1 Corinthians 1:26–29) How do you think God can use a person like you?
6. Talking about “God” in public is usually safe enough, but the use of what name got Peter and John into trouble? (verses 2, 10, 30) Why does Peter go out of his way to claim this name on every occasion? (vs. 12)

7. How does verse 12 help you respond to people who say there are many roads to heaven?

8. Where does Peter draw the line in “submitting to the authorities”? (verses 18, 19; Romans 13:1)

9. Read through the prayer in verses 24–29. What two things do they mention about God that give them confidence as they pray. How do those two things give you confidence as you pray?

10. What are they praying for? How does God answer their prayer (vs. 31)? How has God answered a prayer of yours?