

In the name of Jesus

So far we have seen that we could call this book 'the Acts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit'. As we move into our next section this becomes clear.

Read Acts 3:1-4:4

How do Peter and John follow in the footsteps of Jesus in this three part section? (v1-10, v11-26, v1-4)

How do they make it clear that they realise they are doing so?

How does the man respond? What does this indicate about what he understands to have happened?

How do the people respond in V11? What is Peter keen to avoid (v12)?

How many different titles/terms does Peter use to describe Jesus in v13-15?

Given that Peter says 'you disowned and killed him', how gracious is the instruction in v19-20?

The Sadducees were a (quite a powerful and influential) Jewish sect didn't believe in the resurrection of the dead in the future. How does Peter's speech upset them (4:1-4)?

Does the imprisonment of Peter and John act as a setback for the early church?

Apply

In what ways can we be slower than Peter and John to take the attention off us and point to Jesus?

How might we be encouraged by Peter's bold seizing of opportunities? And the church's unstoppable growth despite opposition?

Pray