



Rooted

South Sub Church

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Bold Proclamation: Unfiltered Faith

Acts 4:1-22 (NLT) [13-14 listed below]

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.

Sermon Summary:

Rooted is a 10-week journey through the life of the Apostle Peter, following his story as he learns to walk with Jesus. Each week, we'll step into a defining moment of Peter's life—his failures, his victories, his doubts, and his bold faith—and discover how God uses ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. *Rooted* will help you grow deeper in faith, find strength in trials, and embrace the life God has called you to live. Whether you're brand new to faith or have been walking with Christ for years, this series will ground you in truth and inspire you to live boldly for Jesus.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Who in your life has a faith that you can see just by the way they live? What makes it noticeable?
2. What's the difference between being bold and being pushy? Where's the line for you personally?
3. What do you think people notice most about Christians today—our words or our actions? Why?
4. If someone spent a day with you, what might they learn about your priorities or faith without you saying a word?

Scripture Study Questions:

1. Who came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people in verse 1?
2. What action did the religious leaders take against Peter and John in verse 3?
3. According to verse 4, how many people believed the message that Peter preached?
4. Who gathered together in Jerusalem the next day to question Peter and John (v. 5–6)?
5. What question did the council ask Peter and John in verse 7?



6. In verses 9–10, what specific miracle and name does Peter mention in his defense?
7. What does Peter declare about Jesus in verse 11 using imagery from the Old Testament?
8. According to verse 12, what does Peter say about salvation and the name of Jesus?
9. In verse 13, what two things did the council notice about Peter and John?
10. What evidence in verse 14 made it impossible for the council to deny the miracle that had taken place?

Interpretive Questions:

1. Why do you think Luke emphasizes that Peter and John were “ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures”?
2. How might the council have “recognized they had been with Jesus”? What visible or audible traits do you think revealed this?
3. What does this passage suggest about the relationship between *being with Jesus* and *being effective in ministry*?
4. How does the healed man standing beside them serve as visible proof of the message Peter and John proclaimed?
5. How do verses 13–14 illustrate that spiritual authority does not depend on education, status, or position?

Application Questions:

1. When people observe your life, what might they “recognize” about your relationship with Jesus?
2. How can you intentionally “be with Jesus” this week in ways that deepen your confidence and clarity in faith?
3. What fears or insecurities sometimes keep you from speaking about your faith as boldly as Peter and John did?
4. How might your ordinary background or skills actually position you for extraordinary impact in God’s hands?
5. Who in your life needs to see the evidence of God’s work in you—the “healed man standing beside you,” so to speak?