

# SURVEY OF THE BIBLE

## Acts: The Beginning of a New Kingdom

### Peter and John in the Temple and in Prison

Quarter Four, Lesson Two

**Focus Text:** Acts 3. 1 – 4. 31

**Other Readings:** Matthew 21. 23 – 27 and 33 – 45; John 15. 20 – 16. 15; Psalm 2

#### CONTENT

1. For what does the man at the temple gate ask Peter and John, and what does he receive?
2. How does Peter explain the healing power he and John exercised?
3. With what terms does Peter refer to Jesus in 3. 12 – 15?
4. In 3. 16 Peter says that faith in the name of Jesus has given the man his health. Whose faith does he mean?
5. What did Jesus say they would receive when the Holy Spirit came upon them, and what would it equip them to do?
6. What specific prophecies does Peter cite in his teaching in chapter 3?
7. What two reactions to Peter and John are identified in 4. 1 – 4?
8. What question do the Jewish leaders address to Peter and John (4. 7)?

What “defense” does Peter give?

*Lesson continues. . . .*

9. How do the authorities react to their prisoners?

What action do they decide to take, and why?

How does Peter respond?

10. When Peter and John reported their experiences to other believers, for what did those believers pray?

### **CONNECTIONS**

1. Read Jesus' predictions to his disciples in Luke 12. 11 – 12 and John 15. 20 – 16. 15. Which of his predictions are fulfilled in Acts 3 and 4?

2. With what question do the scribes and Pharisees challenge Jesus in Matthew 21. 23?

In Matthew 21. 42, Jesus quotes Psalm 118. 22. What point does he use that quotation to make?

3. Do Peter and John seem to be surprised that the Jewish authorities reject their message and arrest them? Should they be surprised?

4. How does Psalm 2, part of which is quoted in Acts 4. 25 – 26, apply to the situation of the Christians who quote it?