## Holy Spirit feeds Peter with Brilliant Answers to the Sanhedrin's Attacks

## Why the World is hostile to Christians & how Holy Spirit feeds Us with Irrefutable Responses

- Acts 4:1 -2 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.
  - **5-6** On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.
  - 7 When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"
    - Acts 3:6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene -- walk!"
      - 12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?
  - **8-9** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,
  - 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-by this name this man stands here before you in good health.
  - 11 He is the stone WHICH WAS rejected by you, THE BUILDERS, but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone.
  - 12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."
  - Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated {*i.e.*, not trained in the rabbinical schools, rather they had the normal synagogue-based education} and <u>untrained</u> **ordinary** men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.
  - 24-26 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who made THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM, who by -the- Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'Why DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS? 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS Christ.'

- **Psalm 2:1-2** Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together Against the LORD and against His Anointed
- 14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.
- 15-16 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another, saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.
- 17 But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name."
- 18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- **19-20** But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."
- 21-22 When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened; for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.
- **Romans 8:1** No judgment for those who are in Christ Jesus. (JM Tatum translation)
- **John 5:24** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.
- **Jeremiah 1:9** Then the LORD stretched out His hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
- Isaiah 51:16 I have put My words in your mouth and have covered you with the shadow of My hand