

# ACTS: By His Spirit

## Strengthened: Acts 4

*<sup>1</sup>The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup>They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup>They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup>But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.*  
(Acts 4:1-4)

*<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them. . .<sup>12</sup>"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.*  
(Acts 4:8a,12,13)

- Acts 4:21,22
- Acts 4:23

### Praying through . . .

- ▶ They prayed with confidence

*<sup>24</sup>When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. (Acts 4:24)*

"God started it all"

*<sup>25</sup>You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:*

*"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> the kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.*

*<sup>27</sup> Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.*

*<sup>28</sup>They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.  
(Acts 4:25-28)*

"God is sovereign over it all"

► They prayed with courage

*<sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. (Acts 4:29)*

*<sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:30)*

**<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the world of God boldly. (Acts 4:31)**