

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished...

Acts 4:1-22

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4:1-4 The Response to the “Sign”

- Group A – Sadducees, Temple authorities
 - Opposed the resurrection (see Luke 20:27ff.)
 - Arrested Peter and John – Detained them overnight
- Group B – Believers (Number grew to about 5,000!)

4:5-22 The Trial

- Courtroom: Rulers, Elders, Teachers of the Law = Sanhedrin
- Accusation: Who do you think you are?
- Defense: (And super glad you asked!)
 - Are you really asking us why we did a kindness????
 - IT IS BY THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH
 - WHOM YOU CRUCIFIED!
 - BUT GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD.
 - Jesus is the stone you rejected, but has become the most important one!
 - Psalm 118:22 – Used by Jesus Himself (Matthew 21:42)
 - Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.
- Deliberation
 - Peter and John – Courage (compare with John 20:19)
 - There was nothing they could say – Exhibit A is still jumping!
 - Promise of Jesus – See Luke 21:12-15 (also Matt 10:20)
 - Private deliberations – Everyone knows... we cannot deny it.
- Verdict: You must not speak at all in this name!
- Reply: Who do you think you are? (Obey you or obey God? Hmmm....)
- Conclusion: Further threats...

Application:

- Jesus – one of two responses...
 - Cover-up/ Deny the truth or Faith in Jesus alone

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