

Chart for Acts 4:1-6:7
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**Appendix:
Observations in Acts 4:1-6:7**

-4:1 Miracle testimony of Christ

4:1 Peter and John **speaking to the people**

time: evening (v3)

Enter: **priests, captain of the temple guard, Sadducees**

2. **disturbed** because P&J using Jesus to teach people resurrections from the dead (which the Sadducees do not believe).

3. **put in jail** till next day

4. **many believed** (~5000 men)

v5. next day gathering of Jewish clergy/prominence

v7. **inquire by what power/name**

8- Peter's address to the rulers and elders

9-10 **citing sick man made well by the name of Jesus**

11-12 **Peter indicts rulers**: Jesus, crucified by them, God raised Him from the dead. Cornerstone rejected by them.

12 Salvation only in **Jesus proclaimed**

13-18 **rulers amazed, did not deny the miracle, chose to ignore that the miracle might validate Jesus and commanded Peter and John to cease speaking/teaching in the name of Jesus**

19 **P&J answer them with further indictment** that they not only are ignoring God's witness, but commanding contrary to God's purpose

20 **P&J defy rulers**

21-22 **same (13-20)**

23 returned to their own and reported

24-28 prayer of commitment, acknowledgement that God knew these things would happen and had, in fact, a purpose from God.

29-30 prayer for strength to follow through with their commitment to speak God word with confidence, and confirmation of their preaching with miracles.

31 God answers through His Holy Spirit

32-5:5 sharing of believers possessions for each others' needs.

33 testimony of resurrection of Jesus Christ by 'great power'

34-35 specifically sharing by selling lands and houses

36-37 good example: Barnabas

5:1-11 bad example: Ananias & Sapphira

12 signs and wonders. all together

13-14 high regard more believers added

15-16 more miracles. believers? in the miracles?

17-18 rulers jealous; put apostles in jail

19 Angel of the Lord rescued them.

20 told them to go preach message of this Life.
21 the obey about daybreak
21 leaders call the Council even the Senate and call to have them
brought before them from jail
22-24 found they weren't there and were perplexed
25 found they were in the temple
26-brought before them and questioned them.
29-32 Peter and apostles indict the rulers again, cf. 4:11-12
31 Jesus preached as Saviour of Israel
32 miracles claim to witness of this.
33 produced anger in rulers
34-39 Gamaliel's wisdom: If of men it will come to nothing; if of God,
don't be found fighting against God.
40 Rulers take his advice and just 'flog' them and order to not
teach/preach in the Name of Jesus.
41 they rejoice
42-6:1 defied the priests and preached Jesus; disciples were increasing
in number
6:1-6 complaint resolved
1 complaint arose regarding distribution of food
3 seven commissioned to oversee resolution.