

Acts 4

Lesson 11

Peter and John Arrested (1-5)

- Were arrested due to their teaching (2)
- Their teaching resulted in conversions (growth to 5000 men)

The Sanhedrin (6-22)

- Annas, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, rulers, elders, scribes
- Leaders asked for authority (7) (Legitimate?)
- Peter preached Jesus (cf. 12)
- The legitimacy of their claims were recognized (13-16)
- However, they did not submit to the divine, and threatened the apostles (17-18)
- Peter and John's wonderful answer (19-20)
- Further threats (21-22)

The Disciples' Prayer (23-31)

- Peter and John report the event to the disciples (23)
- A prayer for continued Boldness in preaching the word of God (24-31)
- The prayer answered with power (31)

Sharing in All Things (32-37)

- Perhaps a better point for a chapter break, as a change in focus to the inner workings of the disciples
- Benevolence and hospitality were a staple of first century Christians
- Barnabas is first introduced (36-37). He was known as a powerful preacher of the gospel, and frequent faithful companion to Paul. He is here recognized as one of many who expressed his love through generous benevolence in the caring for the saints

Student Notes: