

BASIC CHRISTIANITY

ACTS 4:1-12

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “In the book of Acts persecution was largely Sadducean. They were the materialistic, rationalists of their day—denying the supernatural, denying evil spirits, denying angels (see Acts 23:8) Above all, they denied the resurrection (see Mark 12:18), which the apostles boldly preached.” R. Kent Hughes, Acts: The Church Afire, p. 61.

PERSECUTION WILL COME. This is the first persecution recorded in Acts. Since we follow a Savior, who was rejected and persecuted, we should not be surprised when we face persecution and suffering because of our commitment to Him. (Acts 4:1-3, fn 4:3, Mark 13:9-11, fn 13:9, 10, II Timothy 3:12, fn 3:12, II Thessalonians 2:15, fn 2:15) *How could you be prepared to face persecution and rejection because of Christ?*

MANY WILL BELIEVE. God uses the Scriptures (the Gospel) to bring unbelievers to faith and salvation. (Acts 4:4, Acts 2:41, fn 2:40-43, Romans 10:14-17, fn 10:14, 15, Romans 1:16, 17, fn 1:17[1st], See the chart “Faith” in Romans 1.) *How have other believers helped you by using the Scriptures to bring you to faith in Jesus and to encourage you in your faith?*

SALVATION IS FOUND ONLY IN JESUS. Jesus paid the ultimate price to secure our wonderful salvation. Understandably “it is Christ or nothing! Christ or judgment! Christ or hell!” Hughes, page 62. (Acts 4:12, fn 4:12, John 14:6, fn 14:6[1st], I Timothy 2:5, 6, fn 2:5, 6, Matthew 1:21, fn 1:21) *Why do you believe Jesus is the only way of salvation for the entire world?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

