

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

A TIME TO BUILD

“ORDINARY PEOPLE – EXTRAORDINARY SAVIOR”

Acts 4:1-22 - February 15, 2015

Message 6 of 8 in “Difference Makers: Time to Build”

2015: The Year of Jesus’ Church: A study in the book of Acts.

Acts 4: Things are going to be _____¹ now!

TODAY’S BIG IDEA: Ordinary people who are connected to Jesus do _____² things!

Ordinary People – Extraordinary Savior!

1. We’ve seen this scene _____³. v. 1-7

The Cast of Characters

1. **The Priests:** The ministers of Israel.
2. **The Temple Guard:** Provided security for the ministry, ministers, and offerings and sacrifices.
3. **The Sadducees:** Wealthy group of Jewish leaders, who did not believe in the supernatural, or the resurrection. Luke 20:27
4. **Peter.**
5. **John.**
6. **The Rulers:** The Chief Priests, those who oversaw and enforced the rules of Israel.
7. **The Elders.**
8. **The Teachers of the Law** [Pharisees]: Biblical scholars who served to mentor the younger generations of Israel to know and keep the law.
9. **Annas:** The former High Priest and father-in-law of the current High Priest.
10. **Caiaphas:** The current High Priest of Israel.
11. **High Priest’s Homies:** Relatives and servant of the High Priest.
12. **Sanhedrin:** A body of 70 religious leaders who created and kept law in Israel, a mixture of Pharisees, Sadducees, Rulers, and Elders.

Just (months)⁴ before this exact same group of people had met in a much different situation.

2. Something was different about _____⁵! v. 8-12

Two months earlier, Peter was filled with _____⁶...on this day, Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit!

“act of kindness” - Anything done in Jesus name, for the sake of helping people _____⁷ Jesus, is an ‘act of kindness.’

Your _____⁸ for a building for JCI is not just an act of giving, it's an act of kindness.

FACT: You will live in faith or _____⁹ in fear.

Things that Fill You with the Holy Spirit

- 1. Jesus' _____¹⁰.
- 2. Jesus' _____¹¹.
- 3. Jesus' _____¹².
- 4. Jesus' _____¹³.
- 5. _____¹⁴.
- 6. _____¹⁵.

3. People noticed Peter's _____¹⁶ and Connection. v. 13-22

Peter's time with the resurrected Jesus changed him from a scared little boy to a _____¹⁷ preacher!

Matthew 16:23 - "Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

It's time to tell the _____¹⁸ _____¹⁹ to get behind you spiritually!!!

When we live with a connection to Jesus and courage that comes from that...

- 1. People will _____²⁰ the results of our faith.
- 2. People won't be able to _____²¹ that God is working.
- 3. Everybody will talk about the _____²² Jesus is making.
- 4. People will be _____²³ to God.

TODAY'S BIG IDEA: Ordinary people who are connected to Jesus do _____²⁴ things!

Our "act of kindness" in giving to build a building for our church and our community _____²⁵ result in people being healed spiritually.

Answers: ¹different, ²extraordinary, ³before, ⁴months, ⁵Peter, ⁶fear, ⁷know, ⁸gift, ⁹die, ¹⁰Word, ¹¹Church, ¹²Worship, ¹³People, ¹⁴Prayer, ¹⁵Selflessness, ¹⁶Courage, ¹⁷old, ¹⁸little, ¹⁹boy, ²⁰see, ²¹deny, ²²impact, ²³drawn, ²⁴extraordinary, ²⁵WILL