

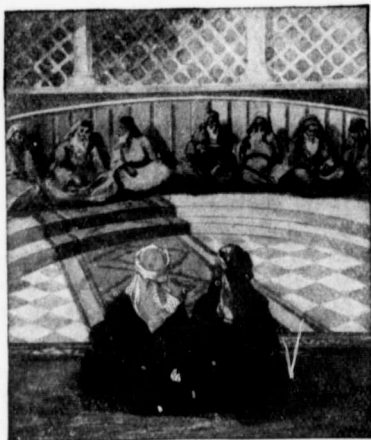
Lesson V.

THE TRIAL OF PETER AND JOHN

January 31, 1909

Acts 4 : 5-20. Study Acts 4 : 1-31—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.—Acts 4 : 31.



5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And An'as the high priest, and Caia'phas, and John, and Alexan'der, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jeru'salem.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this ?

8 Then Pe'ter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Is'rael,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Is'rael, that by the name of Je'sus Christ of Naz'areth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other :

for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Pe'ter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled ; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Je'sus.

14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 Saying, What shall we do to these men ? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jeru'salem ; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Je'sus. 19 But Pe'ter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Amongst the rulers of the Jews there were many Sadducees. These were people who did not believe that the dead could rise, and were very angry with Peter and John for saying that Jesus had risen. So they joined with the priests and had the two apostles shut up in prison. The next day, all the rulers met together in their great council, to try Peter and John, asking them by what power they had healed the lame man.

And Peter answered, "Ye rulers of the people and elders of Israel, if you ask us about the good deed done to the lame man, and how he has been healed, we tell you it is by the power of Jesus of Nazareth, whom you crucified. For though you counted Jesus as

nothing while He was here on earth amongst you, yet God has made Him to be Ruler over us all. Neither is there any other person in all the world who can save us from our sins." When the rulers saw that Peter and John were poor and unlearned men, and yet were bold and without fear in speaking before them, they were astonished. But seeing the man who had been healed standing near, they could not deny what the apostles had done.

So they sent Peter and John out of the council, and talked about the matter amongst themselves. They said, "What shall we do to these men ? We cannot deny that they have done this miracle, for all the people of