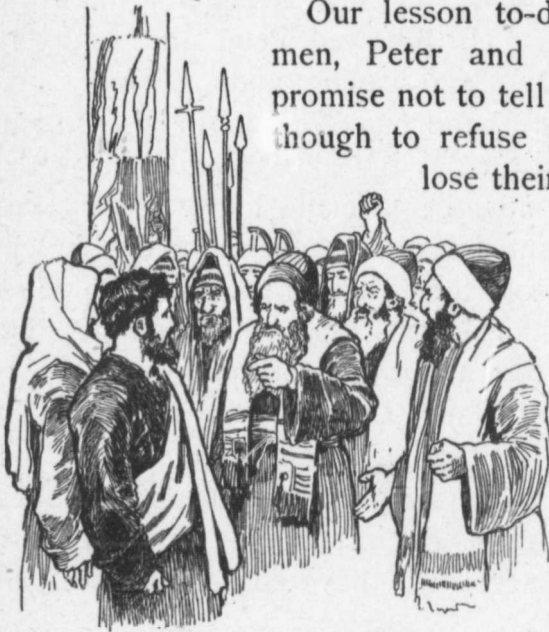


THE BOLDNESS OF PETER AND JOHN

Acts 4:1-31



Our lesson to-day is about two brave men, Peter and John, who refused to promise not to tell the story of Jesus, even though to refuse meant that they might lose their lives. This is how it happened.

After the lame man had been healed, there was great excitement, and people were more sure than ever that Jesus was the Christ, because Peter and John said that it was through faith in Jesus that the wonderful healing was

done. This worried the priests and the rulers of the high court, the sanhedrin. They had had Jesus put to death, and they thought that there would be no more trouble with his followers, for they would be afraid to talk of Jesus. But on the Day of Pentecost people from almost every known part of the world had heard in their own language the story of the Saviour; and now came this healing of the lame man, that had set all Jerusalem talking, and was making more followers for Jesus. The sanhedrin decided that this must be stopped, so they sent to the Temple where Peter and John were preaching, and told them that the next day they must come before the council.