

The Life Of Peter

Lesson Nine: Peter and the First Years of the Church

Lesson Aim: To see the beginnings of the persecution of the Lord's people

Lesson Texts: Acts 3 - 5

1. The Healing

a. *Read Acts 3:1-11*

b. What is the setting for this miracle?

c. What do we know about the lame man?

d. Describe the miracle and how it affected the crowd?

2. The Sermon

a. *Read Acts 3:11-26*

b. Describe the setting of the sermon.

c. What points does this sermon have in common with the one in Acts 2?

d. What points are different?

3. The First Arrest

a. *Read Acts 4:1-22*

b. What people are upset and active in this arrest?

c. What was the result of Peter's sermon, despite the arrest of Peter and John?

d. Describe the courtroom scene and tell what the charge was.

- e. What did Peter charge the council with?
- f. What surprised them about Peter and John?
- g. What was the council's predicament?
- h. Describe what happened when they called them back in.

4. Ananias and Sapphira and other Miracles

- a. *Read Acts 5:1- 16*
- b. What situation led to the events of chapter 5:1-11
- c. Explain what occurred and the effect it had on the church and those who heard?
- d. What other miracles were done and what is the situation with the church?

5. Second Arrest

- a. *Read Acts 5:17-42*
- b. Describe this second arrest. Who, what, when, and where?
- c. What occurred when they were finally "in court?"
- d. What did Gamaliel advise, and what was done to the apostles?
- e. What did the apostles do after this arrest – both immediately and later?