

# Acts 4:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

## Analysis

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The council's dilemma - 'beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it' - demonstrates truth's irrefutable power. The Greek 'blepō' (beholding) indicates continuing to look at living evidence they couldn't deny. 'Could say nothing against it' (Greek 'antilegein,' speak against) shows intellectual defeat despite maintaining hostile intent. Miracles alone don't produce faith but remove excuses for unbelief.

## Historical Context

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The healed man's presence constituted legal evidence in ancient Near Eastern courts that valued eyewitness testimony. His 40-year lameness was publicly known (Acts 4:22), making the healing undeniable. The council faced truth's dilemma: acknowledge Jesus' authority or suppress undeniable evidence.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How do miracles remove excuses for unbelief without guaranteeing faith's response?
2. What does the council's silence despite evidence teach about hardened hearts resisting truth?

## Interlinear Text

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τόν	δὲ	ἄνθρωπον	βλέποντες	σὺν	αὐτοῖς	ἐστῶτα	τὸν
G3588	<b>And</b>	<b>the man</b>	<b>beholding</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>them</b>	<b>standing</b>	G3588
G1161		G444	G991	G4862	G846	G2476	
τεθεραπευμένον	οὐδὲν	εἴχον	ἀντειπεῖν				
<b>which was healed</b>	<b>nothing</b>	<b>they could</b>	<b>against it</b>				
G2323		G3762	G2192				G471

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 19:36** (Parallel theme): Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

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