

# Acts 4:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

## Analysis

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The authorities were 'grieved' (Greek 'diaponeomai,' thoroughly annoyed) for two reasons: apostles 'taught the people' without rabbinic credentials, and 'preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.' The phrase 'in Jesus' (Greek 'en Iēsou') indicates Jesus as resurrection's ground and guarantee - His rising proved general resurrection. This challenged Sadducean theology while implying their role in executing God's Messiah, hence their intense opposition.

## Historical Context

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Sadducees, collaborating with Rome for political power, rejected oral tradition and supernatural elements including angels, spirits, and resurrection. They controlled the Sanhedrin majority. Apostolic preaching threatened their theological system and political position by validating what they denied and accusing them of killing the Messiah.

## Related Passages

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's resurrection serve as guarantee and ground of believers' future resurrection?
2. What motivates religious opposition to the gospel - theological disagreement, political threat, or both?

## Interlinear Text

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διαπονούμενοι διὰ τὸ διδάσκειν αὐτοὺς τὸν λαὸν  
Being grieved that G3588 taught they G3588 the people  
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καὶ καταγγέλλειν ἐν τῷ Ἰησοῦ τὴν ἀνάστασιν τὴν  
and preached through G3588 Jesus G3588 the resurrection G3588  
G2532 G2605 G1722 G2424 G386

ἐκ νεκρῶν  
from the dead  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 17:18** (Resurrection): Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection.

**Acts 13:45** (Parallel theme): But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

**Romans 8:11** (Resurrection): But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

