

# 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	
G1278	G1223		G1321	G846		G2992	
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						
G1537	G3498						

## 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.

