

Discussion Questions for “The Unstoppable Gospel: Trial”
Acts 4:1-22, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of June 6th & 7th, June 2026

Sermon Outline

Scene 1: The arrest (vv. 1-4)

- See how annoying some find faithful ministry (vv. 1-3).
- See how God’s Word works even in unfair circumstances (v. 4).

Scene 2: The trial (5-12)

- See the courage the Holy Spirit gives (vv. 8-12).
- See the clarity the Holy Spirit gives. (vv. 8-12).

Scene 3: The deliberation (vv. 13-17)

- See the power of being with Jesus (v. 13).
- See the undeniable power of Jesus (14-16).

Scene 4: The verdict (vv. 18-22)

- See the impact of reverence for God (vv. 19-20).
- See the impact of praising God (v. 21).

Sermon Questions

1. Have you ever dealt with someone who’s annoyed at your Christian faith?
 - a. What was the situation?
 - b. How did it end? Or is it ongoing?
2. Share about a time when you – or someone you care about – glorified God in the midst of unfair circumstances. What lessons can you draw from this?
3. In what ways do you currently need courage in following and serving Jesus? Before your LIFE Group wraps up today, take some time to pray for the Holy Spirit’s help.
4. What does your time with Jesus look like throughout the week?
 - a. Celebrate how it’s going well!
 - b. Identify ways you’d like to grow. Can your LIFE Group help you with this?

(Questions continue on next page.)

5. In today's passage, the council that oversaw the killing of Jesus was faced with His undeniable power (see verses 14-16, for example).
 - a. Read Philippians 2:9-11 and Revelation 1:7. What undeniable encounter with Jesus is awaiting every human being?
 - b. How does this shape the way we live today?

6. What things are you tempted to revere more than God?
 - a. Why is your particular temptation dangerous?
 - b. How can we cultivate a deeper reverence for God that would, in turn, guard us against these temptations?

7. We often think of the way praise glorifies God, but how does it also help us? (Try to come up with at least 3-5 ways that it does.)

8. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?