

INVINCIBLE *PROGRESS*

**A Study of Luke's Historical Account:
"The **ACTS** of the Ascended Lord"**

ACTS 4:1–31

Scripture Reading

THE MAIN POINT

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2. PREACHING – The message of Jesus's authority must be proclaimed (vv. 8-12).

Various Responses

TO JESUS'S CLAIMS TO BE GOD.

- You can ignore them.
- You can deny he made the claim.
- You can say later generations put the claims in his mouth.
- You can believe he was mentally ill.
- You can conclude that he is God.

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3. PERSECUTION – Jesus's authority will be challenged (vv. 1-7, 13-22).

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3. PERSECUTION (vv. 1-7, 13-22).
4. PRAYER – Faith in Jesus's authority must be reinforced (vv. 23-31).

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4. PRAYER (vv. 23-31).
5. POWER – Jesus's authority is advanced by the Spirit (vv. 8, 31).

The crucified, risen, and ascended King is working for the progress of the gospel through simple preaching of prayerful disciples to whom God's Spirit is giving power. This progress can't be stopped, not even by persecution.

THE BOOK OF ACTS



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