

TEXT: Acts 4:33

TITLE: "Convinced Witnesses Convince"

→ The Book of Acts records witnesses who were convinced about the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

* In the book of Acts alone, the word "resurrection" occurs 11 times.

* The verb form, "to arise", occurs in the book of Acts 7 times when referring to Jesus' arising from the dead.

* Since Acts continues the witness about the life of Christ contained in the Gospels, is there evidence there that followers of Jesus believed He had risen from the dead?

→ Let's call the witnesses and pay attention to what they say:

1. Witness # One—P_____

SCENE # 1—The Upper Room with 120 Jesus Followers

→ Acts 1:21-22

A. What Did He Say about Resurrection?

B. Why Did He Say It?

C. What Was the Result?

* Matthias was chosen to take Judas' place—1:26

SCENE # 2—On the Day of Pentecost (2:1, 14)

→ Acts 2:22-24

A. What Did He Say about Resurrection?

B. Why Did He Say It?

C. What Were the Results?

1. He pressed the Lordship of Christ on hearers—2:36

2. Many received the Word and were baptized—2:41

2. Witness # Two—Peter with D_____

→ Acts 2:31-32

A. What Did They Say about Resurrection?

B. Why Did They Say It?

C. What Were the Results?

1. People were convicted of sin—2:37a

2. They asked, "What shall we do?"—2:37b

3. 3,000 received the Word and were baptized—2:41

3. Witness # Three—Peter and J_____

→ Acts 4:2

A. What Did They Say about Resurrection?

→ NOTE: The basis of their teaching on the Resurrection was THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS!! (cf. 3:14-15).

→ NOTE: This witness is especially strong because they Sadducees don't believe the Resurrection of the dead and they confirm that Peter and John were preaching it IN JESUS!

B. Why Did They Say It?

C. What Were the Results?

1. Peter and John were i_____—4:3

2. Many who heard the Word b_____—4:4a

3. The number of believers grew to over 5,000—4:4b

4. Witness # Four—The A_____

→ Acts 4:33

A. What Did They Say about Resurrection?

B. Why Did They Say It?

C. What Were the Results?

1. Abundant g_____ was upon all of them—4:33.

2. They shared & met one another's needs—4:34-35

5. Witness # Five—P_____

→ Acts 17:18, 31- 34

A. What Did He Say about Resurrection?

B. Why Did He Say It?

C. What Were the Results?

1. Some s_____—17:32

2. Some put off hearing more until later—17:32

3. Some joined Paul and b_____—17:34

APPLICATION: