

- I. The Story
 - A. Healing and preaching in the name of Jesus (Mt. 14:21; Mk. 6:44; Lk. 9:14)
 - B. Peter and John before the Sanhedrin (Ps. 118:22-23)
 - C. Inside baseball (Luke 12:11-12)

- II. Who Speaks for the People of God?
 - A. Will the real elders please stand up? (Mt. 13:52; 28:18; Rom. 13:1)
 - B. Ignorance, and a final chance (Acts 3:17; Ps. 2:12; Mt. 21:33-41)

- III. Authority is Real
 - A. The components of authority (Acts 2:22; 3:12; 4:7,16,20; 6:8; 8:13; 19:11; 21:34; 24:8,11,13; 25:11; 26:32)
 - B. False authority challenged by true (Ps. 2:2)
 - C. A hopeful confrontation
 - D. True authority acknowledges the Lord Jesus Christ

- IV. Christians and Authority
 - A. What to expect from the government (Ps. 51; 96:10)
 - B. Our attitude toward crummy rulers

- V. “We cannot but speak”
 - A. What the government may do
 - B. What the government may not do