

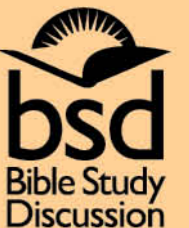
Lesson 2
Acts 3-4



Becoming
& Being
the Church



MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Opening Music

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6DEDFEoKFI>

Acts 1:8a

**But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes
on you and you will be my
witnesses.**

APPLYING THE LESSON IN YOUR LIFE

**What gifts has God given me
that I can use to serve others?**

POWER UNLEASHED
ACTS, CHAPTERS 3 AND 4

**And awe came upon every soul,
And many wonders and signs
were being done through the apostles.**

Acts 2: 43

Power in the Name of Jesus

Peter's Sermon in Solomon's Portico

**Resurrection +
the Name of Jesus = Trouble**

Trial before the Sanhedrin



Power in the Name of Jesus

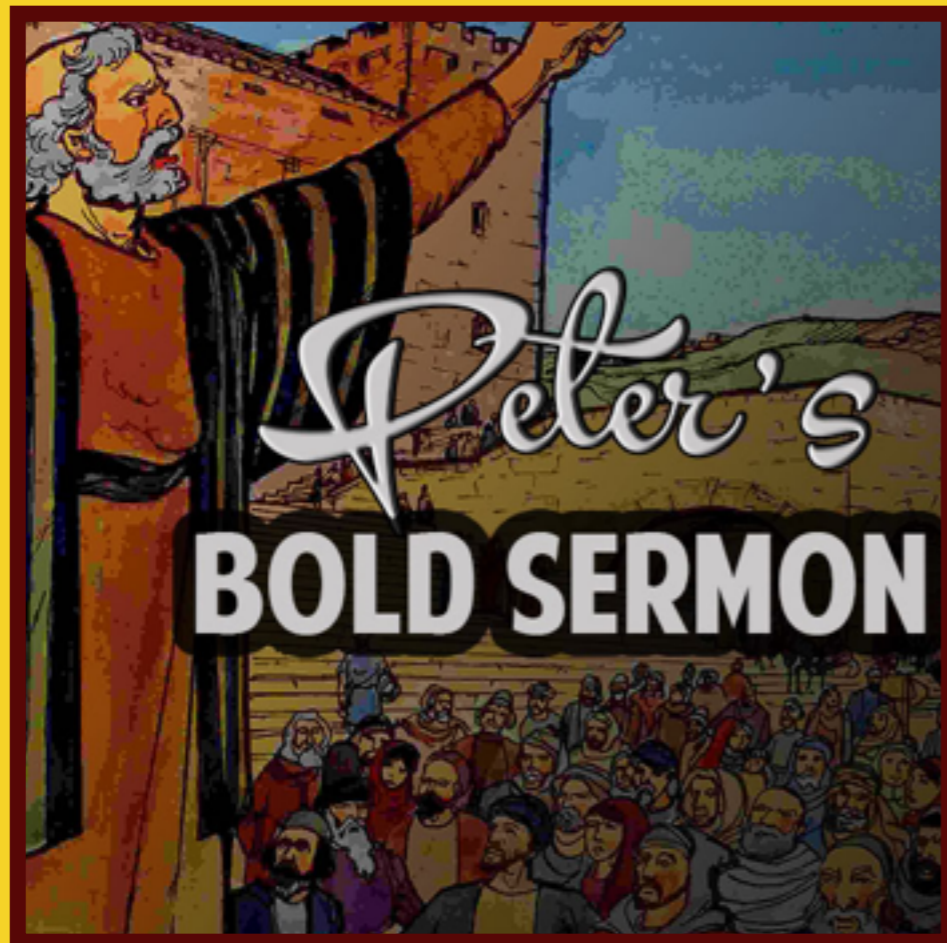
Healing of the lame beggar

**Note these apostles from Galilee
are still in Jerusalem after Pentecost**

**Significance of calling
on the name of Jesus**

Comparison of Peter's Two Sermons

1. Sermon after Pentecost (Acts 2: 14-41)
2. Sermon at Solomon's Porch (Acts 3: 11-26)



Similarities

- **Moves from proclamation to call for repentance**
- **Focuses on the denial and vindication of Jesus**

Differences:

- **Style**
- **Attitude toward Israel**
- **Stress on Israel's responsibility for death of Jesus**
- **Necessity of receiving God's grace by faith**

**Chapter 3:
RESURRECTION +
THE NAME OF JESUS =
TROUBLE!**

PHARISEES

Law

Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders

SADDUCEES

Temple

Torah Alone

Upper Class

No Resurrection

No Afterlife

Supported Jewish Leaders



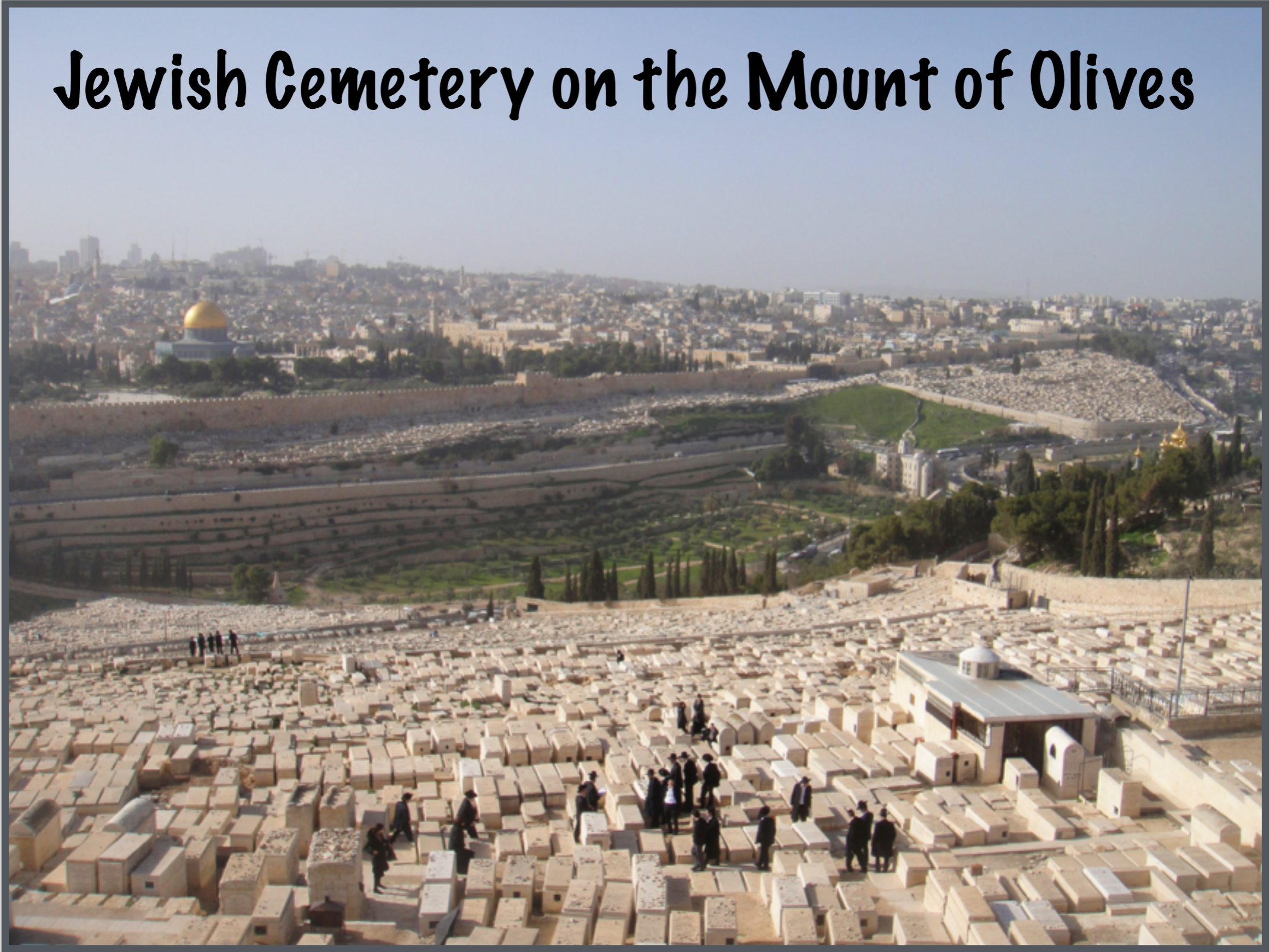
Doctrine of Resurrection

The belief that in a future age the dead will rise from their graves to live again.

There are 2 references in the OT to resurrection of the dead:

Isaiah 26: 19 and Daniel 12:2

Jewish Cemetery on the Mount of Olives



IN SHORT....

**The Sadducees didn't believe
in resurrection
so they were**

SAD YOU SEE



**The Pharisees believed in living
by the law of Moses
so they were**



FAIR YOU SEE

SANHEDRIN



The Sanhedrin

- **Composed of 70 men plus the high priest**
- **Members were chief priests, scribes and elders**
- **Had jurisdiction over only province of Judea**
- **Had its own police force**
- **Caiaphas was high priest at time of the trials of Jesus and Peter and was a Sadducee**

The Sadducees

- Luke shows them as the chief opponents of preaching the Gospel
- Rejected new interpretations of Biblical law
- Rejected the doctrine of the resurrection

The Sadducees

- **Priestly group which controlled the high priesthood**
- **Cooperated with Roman rule**
- **Seen as traitors by the Pharisees, Essenes and Zealots**

The Sadducees

- **Believed the Messiah was an ideal not a person**
- **The Messianic Age was a process**
- **Stressed cooperation with Rome**

Trial Before the Sanhedrin

- 1. Had both legislative and judicial authority under Roman supervision**
- 2. Law behind the warning**

RESTRAINTS ON THE SANHEDRIN

- **General toleration of the Jewish people**
- **Moderate views of the Pharisees**
- **Desire of Rome for peace in the area**

The Response to the Authorities

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants boldness to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.

Acts 4: 29-30

CLOSING PRAYER