

Scripture reading: 1 Peter 4:12-17

Message: Acts 4:1-21

I. Peter and John are arrested for

- A. Preaching Jesus and the resurrection v.2
- B. For healing a helpless man vv.9,22
- C. They broke no laws vv.15-17

II. Can it happen here? YES

- A. Columbine
- B. Jack Phillips
- C. The so-called Equality Act
- D. Assault on Christian colleges

III. What does scripture say?

- A. The world hated Jesus before it hated us *John 15:18*
- B. Do not think it strange when you are tried *1 Peter 4:12,17*
- C. They do it because they do not know the Father *John 16:3*
- D. If you desire to live a godly life, you will be persecuted *2 Timothy 3:12*

IV. How it is happening

- A. Politically
- B. Bad press
- C. Financially

V. How are we to live?

- A. Not in fear *2 Timothy 1:7*
- B. Do good to those who hate you
- C. Continue in the teaching of the scriptures *2 Timothy 4:15*
- D. Do not live like the world *1 Peter 5:15*

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