

## ***“On Trial” (Acts 4:8-12)***

**[A court transcript of the trial of Jesus of Nazareth and his followers.]**

### 1) HIS BIRTH

- + The words of King Herod when told of Jesus’ birth
- + The number of religious leaders who believed a Messiah had been born in Bethlehem
- + The type of people who did believe

### 2) HIS MINISTRY

- + The word “on the street” about Jesus
- + The reaction of the hometown folks
- + The opinion of His brothers
- + The number of disciples Jesus recruited
- + The number who defended Him
- + The assessment of Jesus’ followers as found in the *Jerusalem Post’s* editorial page
- + The number of lepers, blind, & lame Jesus healed
- + The number of them that defended Him

### 3) HIS EXECUTION

- + The popular opinion of Jesus before He cleansed the Temple
- + The opinion after He did it
- + The decision of the Jewish Council
- + The “talk on the streets” after Jesus died
- + The number of times Jesus prophesied He would come back to life
- + The number of apostles who waited at the tomb to see it
- + The words of a street-corner bookie regarding the odds Jesus would do it

### 4) HIS FOLLOWERS

- + The official response of the Jewish leaders to the resurrection
- + The actual response (**Acts 6:7**)
- + The decision of the Jewish leaders about Jesus’ followers now called “The Church” (**Acts 5:38-39**)
- + The response of the Church (**Acts 2:41; 4:4; 6:1**)
- + The official response of the Jewish leaders of the conversion of Saul to Paul
- + Saul, turned Paul writing in one of his many prison letters which became the New Testament of the Bible (**Romans, chapter 1**)

### 5) HIS FOLLOWERS (continued)

- + The statement of the atheistic French philosopher, Voltaire
- + The pronouncement of the German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche
- + The way a Communist dictionary defined the Bible
- + The discovery made by every person who has tried to bury the Faith
- + The Fact
- + The Question
- + The Answer
- + The reason Jesus did it
- + The verdict after 2000 years
- + He is risen!
- + He is risen!

**Amen.**

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