**Mission Possible: Persecution: Acts 4:1-31**

**Introduction**

**Gathering #1: Jesus' authority demonstrated (1-4)**

**Gathering #2: Jesus' authority defended (5-14)**

**Gathering #3: Jesus' authority upheld (15-22)**

**Gathering #4: Jesus' authority enacted (23-31)**

**Implications**

*Persecution is inevitable*

*Persecution is a privilege*

*Persecution is an opportunity*

**For reflection**: Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.