

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 4:1-22 TIME TO BE BOLD P.1083 PEW BIBLE

Acts 4:8-22 - Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "...let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by **the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And **there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**" Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John...they were astonished, and recognized that they had been with Jesus. They conferred with one another, "...for that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all..." So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in **the name of Jesus**. But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for **we cannot but speak** of what we have seen and heard."

The risen Jesus is the only name by which to be saved. If you are a Christian, you should be prepared to die for that affirmation. If you are not, then you are playing at religion, and you have missed the Son of God. -RC Sproul

1- Apostles are ARRESTED - "proclaiming in Jesus"

Acts 4:1-3 - priests, captain, Sadducees
Acts 4:4, 1:15, 2:41,42-47, 6:7, 12:24, 19:20 - 5,000 men
Num 11:16, Luke 22:52, Acts 3:13,14,17 - temple authorities
Acts 23:6-8, Luke 20:27-40 (Ex 3:15), 1Cor 15:12-20 - resurrection

Peter gives a comprehensive testimony to Jesus as rejected by humanity but vindicated by God, as the fulfillment of all Old Testament prophecy, as demanding repentance and promising blessing, and as the author and giver of life, physically to the healed cripple and spiritually to all who believe. This aroused indignation and antagonism. -J Stott

2- "In the NAME OF JESUS" - by which we must be saved

Acts 4:5-7, Deut 13:1-5 - by what authority?
Luke 22:66-23:2, Matt 27:62, John 3:1,10, 11:43-53, 18:13, Acts 5:23, 22:3
Acts 4:8-12 - Jesus Christ of Nazareth
Acts 4:10, 2:23-24, 3:13-15 - 'whom you killed'
Acts 2:21,38, 3:16, 4:10,12,17,18,30, 5:28,40,41, 8:16, 9:15,28, 15:26, 16:18 - Jesus
Acts 2:4, 4:31, 9:17, 13:9-11, Luke 1:15,41, 12:11-12, Eph 5:18 - filled with the Spirit
Psa 118:22, Isa 28:16, Matt 21:33-46, 1Pet 2:4-10, Rom 9:33, Eph 2:20 - cornerstone
Matt 11:27, Luke 9:20, John 3:18,31-36, 6:68, 14:6, 1John 5:12, 1Tim 2:5 - Christ

With one sentence, Christ's apostle sweeps away the sophisticated follies of postmodern relativism and religious pluralism. There are not many paths to salvation; there is one. His name is Jesus, whom God exalted. -DE Johnson

3- "We cannot but SPEAK" - what we have seen & heard

Acts 4:13-14 - they had been with Jesus
Matt 10:19,20, Luke 2:46-47, John 7:15 - learn
Acts 2:29, 4:29,31, 28:31, 2Cor 3:12 - 'boldness'
Acts 9:27-28, 13:46, 14:3, 18:26, 19:8, 28:31 - boldness
Acts 4:15-18 - commanded them not to
Matt 14:5, 21:26,46, Luke 19:48, 22:2, Acts 4:21, 5:26, John 12:42-43 - fear of men
Acts 4:19-22 - listen to man rather than God?
Rom 13:1-7, 1Pet 2:13-18, Titus 3:1, Luke 14:26, Acts 5:29 - authority

What the Sanhedrin did not perhaps understand was that the apostles were still companions of Jesus -RK Hughes

4- MY RESPONSE today? - "you will be My witnesses"

Acts 4:20, John 15:18-16:4 - we cannot but speak
1Thess 2:1-16, 2Cor 5:11-6:2 - we appeal to you
Eph 6:18-20, Col 4:2-6, Tim 4:10-14, 2Tim 1:6-14, 4:5, 3:12, Titus 2:15 - boldly

*When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, Christ is the focus of our lives, projecting to all around us. -RK Hughes
God's clear command to bear witness to Christ trumps every human instruction that contradicts it. -DE Johnson*

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9-18 Acts 4:1-12 - arrested
9-19 Acts 4:13-22 - boldness
9-20 Psalm 118 - salvation
9-21 Matt 21:33-46 - kingdom
9-22 Eph 2:11-22 - cornerstone
9-23 1Pet 2:4-10 - living stones
9-24 John 3:18,31-36 - the Son

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?

ACTS of the
Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ