

When Ordinary People Spend Time with Jesus

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. v. 13

I. Jesus' enemies become your _____ .

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. vv. 1-3

_____ **YOURSELF WITH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THAT WILL SUPPORT YOU AS YOU STAND FOR JESUS.**

II. Jesus' message become your _____ .

"... 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." vv. 10-12

_____ **WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR YOU AND WHAT HE CAN DO FOR OTHERS.**

III. Jesus' calling becomes your _____ .

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." vv. 18-20

_____ **FOR JESUS WITH CONVICTION RATHER THAN BEING SWAYED BY PUBLIC PRESSURE.**



Communion

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (1 Cor 11:26). Learn more about how we remember Jesus and proclaim Him as our risen Savior through the Lord's Supper.



HOME GROUP

Lesson + Devotional

Before you begin, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and guide your study.

1. Read Acts 4:1-22. Why were the religious leaders so upset with Peter's preaching?
2. What did it mean that the disciples were "uneducated" and "common"? Why would the leaders be astonished at their preaching? What's the lesson for us?
3. How did Peter and John respond to the leaders' command, and why? How were the disciples affected by each other's presence, and was that important?
4. How does this passage reflect Jesus' teaching in Luke 12:11-12 and 21:12-19?
5. Peter and John were committed to obeying God rather than the Jewish leaders when the commands conflicted (v. 19). Under what circumstances must Christians *disobey* human authorities, and when must we *obey* human authorities? (For insight see Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17.)
6. What makes it difficult for people today to accept Jesus even when they can't refute the evidence? Is it possible to overcome these barriers?
7. Are you normally bold about sharing Jesus with others? If not, how can you develop the kind of boldness Peter and John had? Where does it come from?
8. With whom can you share Jesus this week? How will you ask the Spirit's help?

HELPFUL

Quotes

It is noteworthy that the first question the council asked did not probe the men for truth but challenged their authority. They didn't ask Peter and John to offer a defense for their views, to back up their preaching with Scripture or factual evidence; they asked for their résumés and credentials. Bear in mind that Peter and John had healed a man paralyzed from birth, an undeniable miracle witnessed by literally hundreds of people! Despite this irrefutable proof of the power of Jesus' name, Israel's religious and political officials were determined to silence the men. - *Charles Swindoll*

Yieldedness to the Holy Spirit is the key to successfully handling persecution. Because Peter was Spirit-filled, persecution merely drove him closer to the Lord. Lack of being filled with the Spirit is the reason the church today has difficulty facing opposition. - *John MacArthur*

The Sanhedrin recognized that since they could not deny the occurrence of the miracle, their problem was to keep this doctrine of the resurrection of Jesus from spreading. The apostles' reply was simply: *we must obey God and testify of what we have seen* (vv. 19-20). "Uneducated and untrained" in verse 13 simply means untrained formally in the Rabbinic schools. "Having been with Jesus" in the same verse is probably to be understood as referring to their physical, not spiritual, companionship with the Lord, particularly during the last week of His earthly life. - *Charles Ryrie*

YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



Connect and Belong

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

Together in Prayer

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



Partner With Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

Upcoming Events

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
(Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
(Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
(Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!