

God Makes You An Invincible Witness
Revelation 11:1-13 with Zechariah 4:1-14
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Main Point

Jesus makes you an invincible witness and frees you to serve Him wherever He sends you.

1. The church is the only truly safe place for you in this world (v. 1-2)
2. Jesus gives His church the power to be His witnesses in a hostile world (v. 3-6)
3. The world will relentlessly try to silence the witness of Jesus and the church (v. 7-10)
4. The resurrection of Jesus ensures that His church will never be silenced (v. 11-13)
5. Jesus makes you an invincible witness and frees you to serve Him wherever He sends you!

Cross References and Quotations:

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 (NKJ): “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which *temple* you are.”

Dennis Johnson: “... the unmeasured courtyard, given to the Gentiles, and the holy city, trampled by the Gentiles, balance the portrait of the church as the measured sanctuary: though protected from apostasy and God’s wrath, the church is exposed to physical coercion, social contempt, and violence.”

Daniel 7:25 (NKJ): “He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.”

G. K. Beale: “... there is no time in which the church is ever in a peaceful relationship with the world...”

Deuteronomy 19:15 (NKJ): “One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.”

Louis Brighton: “... the two witnesses are symbolized by the two lampstands because they represent the church in her royal, priestly, prophetic witness to the Gospel message of Christ to the world.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV): “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Louis Brighton: “Thus the picture given by the scene of the two witnesses is that the Christian church – composed of individual Christians – is always living in witness, dying for that witness, and being raised again for further witness.”

Romans 6:5-7 (NKJ): “For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has died has been freed from sin.”