

Been with Jesus??

Acts 4:13-22

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Introduction

- “Bubba” Smith and the Miller Lite Commercial
- What message do our lives advertise?
- Setting the stage:
 - Peter and the lame man Acts 3
 - Peter’s message to the crowd—need to repent and be converted
 - Peter and John detained by the Sanhedrin—Acts 4:1-12
 - The makeup of the Sanhedrin
 - Peter’s message—rejected “stone” has become the cornerstone
 - Response of the Sanhedrin
- Recognition that Peter and John had “*been with Jesus*”!

Been with Jesus?

A. A Confident Courage to speak openly about Christ. 4:13- 14

1. Not the result of formal education or training.
2. They were “*just like Jesus*”—John 7:15; Matt. 7:28-29
3. Result of being filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit
 - a. Holy Spirit will teach you—Luke 12:11-12
 - b. Holy Spirit will cause you to remember—John 14:26

Interlude: The Sanhedrin’s Quandary: What are they to do with these men who have been with Jesus?

- Cannot deny that a notable miracle has occurred.
- Cannot allow this “name” to be spread to abroad.

B. A Core Commitment to obey God, no matter the cost. 4:18- 19

1. Peter understood need to submit to human authority—1 Pet 2
2. Conflict comes when man’s laws contradicts God’s commands.
3. Peter and John’s “principled” response: Must obey God rather than man!
4. Peter understood the consequences of disobedience.—Dan. 6:10
5. The “unprincipled” Sanhedrin: Men pleasers – Acts 4:21

C. An Inner Compulsion to share the good news. 4:20

1. The inner compulsion of Jeremiah, Amos, and Paul—Jer. 20:9; Amos 3:7-8; 1 Corinthians 9:16
2. Do we have “holy heartburn”?