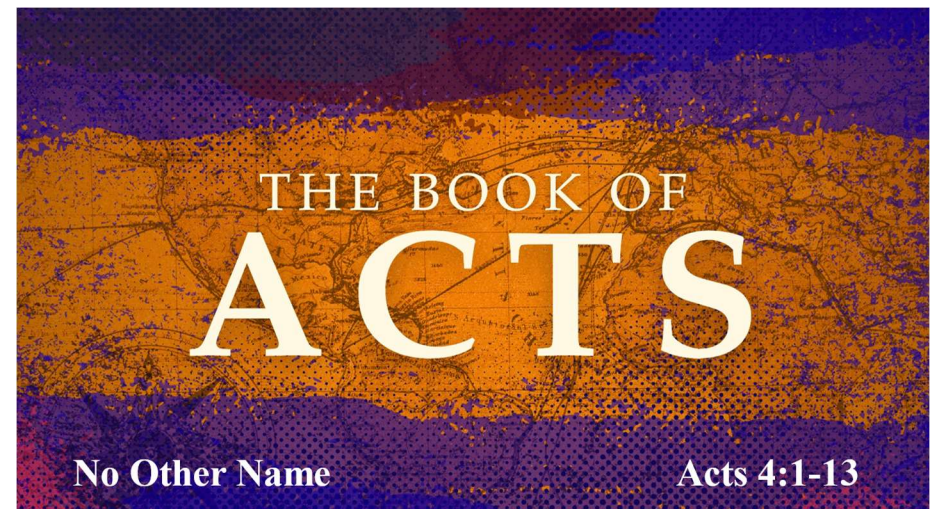


Vs. 13 – Being With Jesus Brings Noteriety

1. Why were the religious leaders so “astonished” by Peter and John? What does their reaction reveal about the source of true spiritual power?
2. David Guzik says Peter’s boldness was coupled with a “radiant love characteristic of Jesus.” Why is this combination—grace *and* truth—so essential?
3. What’s the danger of working *for* Jesus without spending time *with* Jesus? How have you experienced that tension personally?
4. What are some practical ways you can “be with Jesus” regularly? Which habit or discipline has helped you most?
5. How can we cultivate a lifestyle where boldness, love, humility, and truth all reflect our connection to Jesus?

Sermon Discussion Points for



Calvary Chapel Groups

Sunday, November 16, 2025

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Read Acts 4:1-13

After being used by God to heal a crippled man, Peter and John were arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin for questioning. They boldly proclaimed the gospel and clearly communicated that Jesus is the only way of salvation.

Vs. 1-3 – Powerful Witness Brings Powerful Opposition

1. Why do you think the religious leaders were so “greatly annoyed” by Peter and John’s message?
2. How does knowing *who* opposed Peter and John (powerful, influential leaders) deepen your understanding of the courage required to witness?
3. Jesus foretold in Luke 21 that His followers would face persecution for His name. How does this prediction prepare us for opposition today?
4. What types of “opposition” might believers encounter today when they share their faith? How should we respond?

Vs. 4-7 – Opposition Brings Opportunity

1. Even though Peter and John were arrested, the gospel still spread and *many believed*. What does this reveal about God’s sovereignty in the midst of resistance?

2. How did the rulers and elders unintentionally create the perfect opportunity for the gospel to be proclaimed? What does this show us about how God uses difficult circumstances?
3. Jesus promised in Luke 21:14–15 that He would give His followers the words and wisdom they need under pressure. Have you ever experienced God giving you words or courage beyond your own ability?
4. In what ways does opposition push us into new opportunities to share our faith that we might not have had otherwise?

Vs. 8-12 – The Gospel Is Exclusive

1. How does Acts 4:12 confront the modern belief that “all religions lead to the same place”?
2. Why is the exclusivity of the gospel essential to the truth of Christianity? What happens to the gospel message if we remove this claim?
3. How would you lovingly answer someone who says, “It doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you’re sincere”?
4. Why is it important that believers proclaim the exclusivity of the gospel with both *conviction* and *compassion*? What happens if one is missing?

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