

IN THE NAME!

TEXT

Act 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

INTRO

We will introduce the back story later...

- **AND THEY**
 - The rulers of Jerusalem
 - The High Priest/ Priests
 - The Captain of the Temple
 - The Sadducees
- **THE INFLUENTIAL / THE POWERFUL / THE DECISION MAKERS / THE INFLUENCERS...**

DON'T SPEAK IN THE NAME – DON'T TEACH IN THE NAME = OF JESUS.

It was an ABSOLUTE...

Absolutely not to utter the name

- **Neither privately nor publicly**
- **Don't speak for Him**

- Don't speak about Him
 - WE HAVE CANCELED HIM

BUT – YOU CAN'T CANCEL HIM!

AND – YOU CAN'T SILENCE THE COMMITTED!

JESUS...

Luk 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Luk 24:45 Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.

Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be

witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

I. IN MY NAME

Jesus had told them...

1. YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER

- a. After you've received the Holy Ghost
- b. You will be witnesses of me...
 - i. Acts 1v8

Jesus had told them...

2. THE WORK DONE IN MY NAME WILL BEGIN IN JERUSALEM

Jesus had told them...

3. THINGS WILL BE DONE IN MY NAME...

Word...

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Mar 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mar 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mar 16:19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

***Mar 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.
Amen.***

NAME = onoma – authority, character, representation of a person, THE TOTAL EXPRESSION OF GOD HIMSELF – HIS ATTRIBUTES, RELATIONS, MANIFESTATIONS...

ALL HE IS – IS WRAPPED UP IN HIS NAME!

Psa 103:1 A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Psa 103:2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Psa 103:3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Psa 103:4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Psa 103:5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psa 103:6 The LORD executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

Psa 103:7 He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

Psa 103:8 The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

Last week we looked at...

Exo 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb.

Exo 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Exo 3:3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

Exo 3:4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

Exo 3:5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.

Exo 3:6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Exo 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exo 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring

forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Exo 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Exo 3:12 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

Exo 3:13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them?

Exo 3:14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

Exo 3:15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations.

I AM THAT I AM

My name forever

My memorial to all generations

IT WAS A LIVING MEMORIAL – NOT A MOMENTARY ONE!

***IT WAS NOT A PLACE / OR A BUILDING – BUT, A LIVING AND
UNENDING IDENTITY!***

***Psa 90:1 A Prayer of Moses the man of God. Lord,
thou hast been our dwelling place in all
generations.***

***Psa 90:2 Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and
the world, even from everlasting to everlasting,
thou art God.***

He's greater than the moment!

- **IT WASN'T A BURNING BUSH THAT DELIVERED THE
MULTITUDE FROM EGYPT**
- **IT WASN'T A BURNING BUSH THAT LED THEM THROUGH
THE RED SEA**
- **IT WASN'T A BURNING BUSH THAT BROUGHT THEM
THROUGH THE WILDERNESS...**
 - **BROUGHT WATER FROM THE ROCK**
 - **RAINED MANNA FROM HEAVEN**
 - **OR – LAID FLAT THE WALLS OF JERICO**

***THE LORD SAID – “I AM WILL BE WITH YOU” HE DIDN'T SAY A
BUSH WOULD!***

I AM = I will be whatever you need to carry out your assignment...

- A miracle in front of Pharoah
- An interruption in nature to cross the red sea
- Food and water in the desert

I AM – THAT’S MY NAME...

MY NAME IS WHO I AM!

II. IN THE NAME

Story...

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

Act 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

Act 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms.

Act 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us.

Act 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

*Act 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.
Act 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF THE SOCIAL GOSPEL?

A movement started over 125 years ago – aiming to apply Christian Ethics to social problems...

- **Poverty**
- **Economic inequality**
- **Alcoholism**
- **Crime**
- **Racial tensions**
- **Slums**
 - **Etc.**

It was started by liberal theologians – WE KNOW HERE AT FPC THAT WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST – THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS... BUT – WE ALSO KNOW THAT THIS WORLD NEEDS MORE THAN A HAND-OUT

I recently read – “If the prodigal son had been in contact with the social gospel he would have been given a sandwich and a bed and never gone to the Father.”

**Peter didn't say – I WILL GIVE YOU MONEY, I
WILL HELP YOU FOR A COUPLE DAYS, I WILL
TAKE SOME OF THE STRESS OFF YOU...**

HE SAID – I GIVE YOU WHAT I'VE BEEN GIVEN!

THE POWER OF THE NAME!

TAKE MY HAND...

I'M GIVING YOU A HAND OUT...

***OUT OF THE LIFE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING FOR
MANY YEARS!***

OUT OF THE PLACE OF BEGGING TO GET BY!

OUT OF SORROW INTO JOY!

***Act 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked, and
entered with them into the temple, walking,
and leaping, and praising God.***

***Act 3:9 And all the people saw him walking and
praising God:***

***Act 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat
for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and
they were filled with wonder and amazement at
that which had happened unto him.***

INTO THE TEMPLE...

He went through the gate where he had spent his life
begging...

He went up the fifteen steps into the Temple...

He did what he had never done before = WALK

He went where he had never gone = INTO THE TEMPLE

*Isa 35:6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the
wilderness shall waters break out, and streams
in the desert.*

IN THE NAME OF JESUS...

- The lame leap
- The mute sing
- The wilderness flourishes
- Waters break out
- Streams refresh the desert
- Futures change
- Hope is renewed
- Healing comes
- Transformation takes place
- Deliverance occurs

○ **THERE'S POWER IN THE NAME OF JESUS!**

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III. THROUGH FAITH IN HIS NAME

Jesus said – “IN MY NAME”

Peter said – “IN THE NAME”

Then preaches...

Act 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

Act 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

Act 3:13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Act 3:14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Act 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Act 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

He preached...

- I hope you didn't know what you were doing when you crucified Jesus
- But – God's word was fulfilled
- REPENT...

THEN...

Act 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

Act 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

Act 4:3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Act 4:4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Act 4:5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

Act 4:6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Act 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Act 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Act 4:11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

- We PREACH in His name
- We PRAY in His name
 - We are healed in His name
 - We are saved in His name
- We LIVE in His name
- We BAPTIZE in His name
- We EAT / MOVE / EXIST in His name
- We WORK in His name
 - IT'S ALL IN JESUS NAME!

THERE IS NONE OTHER NAME UNDER HEAVEN...

*Php 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him **a name which is above every name:***

Php 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Php 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Act 4:13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Act 4:14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

THEY...

- THE PRIESTS
- THE HIGH PRIEST
- THE TEMPLE CAPTAIN
- THE SADUCEES

THEY...

1. Perceived

a. That they were unlearned

- i. Unlettered – not educated / hadn't studied the Law or sacred writings**

b. That they were ignorant

- i. One without a special office – we might call them “a common man”**

2. Marveled

a. They were astonished

- i. They marveled that they were speaking so forcefully with no formal education**

3. Noted

a. They recognized

- i. They realized**

4. THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS!

a. THEY HAD BEEN WITH HIM – THEY WERE LIKE HIM!

- i. He had silenced them with His wisdom**
- ii. They had no resistance to His words**

1. PETER SPOKE FROM A PLACE OF “BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST” – HAVING THE SPIRIT OF JESUS !

PETER AND JOHN...

- Didn't have to convince them**
- Didn't have to explain to them**

- Didn't have to say anything about themselves...
 - Didn't hand out spiritual resumes
 - Didn't post on social media
 - Didn't hire a PR team

THEY JUST WERE WHO JESUS SAID THEY WOULD BE!

***IF WE WERE AS INTENT ON DEVELOPING OUR CLOSENESS
WITH JESUS AS WE ARE PROMOTING OUR IMAGE – WE
WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT OUR SELF-
PRESENTATION...WHO WE ARE IN HIM WOULD BE BLINDINGLY
APPARENT!***

JESUS SHOWS!

IF WE'VE BEEN WITH HIM IT'S APPARENT!

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BUT...

You can't cancel Jesus!

And you can't silence the committed!

Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

Act 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Act 4:21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done.

CONCLUSION

One of our songs – I SPEAK JESUS...

We were in worship this week...

ONE OF THE WRITERS OF THE SONG – Dustin Smith – was telling how the song came about...

Worship leaders had gathered to have a writers workshop – Dustin asked one of them to lead in prayer – he got up and said ok – “JESUS”

This became the inspiration for the song...

**I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus**

**I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus**

**'Cause Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire**

**I just wanna speak the name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus
'Cause Your name is power
Your name is healing
Your name is life
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like the fire**

**Shout Jesus from the mountains
Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy
Jesus for my family
I speak the holy name
Jesus, oh**