

In The Name of Jesus

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I. Introduction

A. A statement made without sincerity becomes mediocrity or mockery.

Acts 4:1-4 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

B. The Gospel is designed to thrive under pressure.

Acts 4:5-7 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

II. What is in a name?

1. There is faith in Jesus' name.

Acts 3:16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

A. We have faith in who Jesus is.

1. Jesus is the Son of God.
2. Jesus is the Savior.
3. Jesus Is the Healer.
4. Jesus is the Baptizer.
5. Jesus is the soon coming King.

B. Who Jesus is allows to live in faith.

- A name implies agency.

John 14:13-14 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

2. *There Is Healing In Jesus' Name*

Acts 4:8-10 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

A. A name implies power.

Psalms 54:1 Save me, O God, by your name; vindicate me by your might.

Jeremiah 16:21 “Therefore I will teach them— this time I will teach them my power and might. Then they will know that my name is the Lord.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

Acts 3:11-12 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”

- A name comes with power, but not magic.

Acts 19:13-17 Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, “In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out.” Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?” Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on

them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

B. A name implies agreement.

1 Thessalonians 1:12 We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- There is clarity in praying backwards.

1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.”

James 5:14-16 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

3. There is salvation in Jesus' name.

Acts 4:11-12 Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

A. Every person is a sinner in need of a Savior.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- Religion will not save you.
- Good deeds will not save you.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Acts 2:21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

B. Salvation is escape from divine judgment and the release of the blessings of God.

1 John 2:12 I am writing to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of his name.

C. Salvation is available to you because of who Jesus is and what Jesus did.

- We are called to a commitment to a person... the person of Jesus Christ.

D. We must ask ourselves if Jesus is truly our Lord.

1. There is a freedom in saying that Jesus is your Lord.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

2. There is only one way.

- Jesus is the only way if Heaven is the destination.

3. There is only one truth.

- Just because something is popular that does not mean it is true.

4. There is only one life.