

I AM SENT

No Other Name

Acts 3:1-8 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three in the afternoon. Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk." Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

I can't share unless I care.

I can't give what I don't live.

God stories should direct spectators to the power of Christ.

God stories should draw people to their deepest need.

God stories will draw greater opposition our way.

Acts 4:8-14 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 cripple and are 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. He is " 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone. ' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

Acts 4:19-20 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

I am sent by the Spirit into opportunities to glorify God.

I am sent to do for one that which I wish I could do for everyone.

I am sent to be bold when the pressure is on.

I can't share unless I care.

I can't give what I don't live.

I can't be silent when I have been sent to tell what I have seen.

Why is there salvation found in no other name but Jesus ?

- There is no one who has claimed to be God and proved it with the teaching, the miracles and the fulfilled prophecies like Jesus.
- There is no one who has made the supreme sacrifice for us like Jesus.
- There is no one who has risen from the grave like Jesus.
- There is no one who left heaven, came to earth, went back to heaven and promised to return for us like Jesus.
- There is no one who has made a more inclusive exclusive truth claim than Jesus.