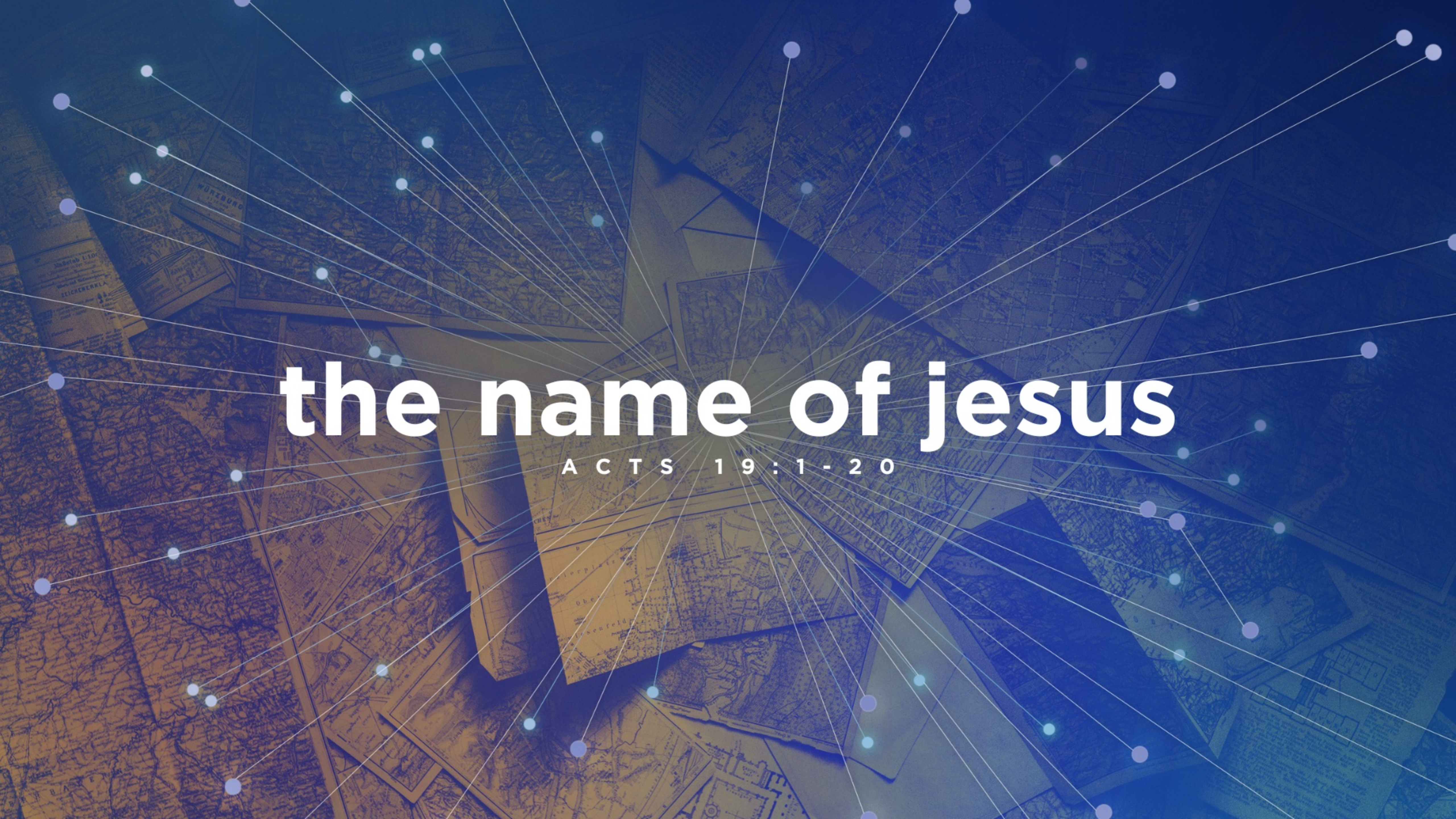


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And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.



²And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

What are some ways we can miss Jesus?

- 1. When our focus is on spiritual leaders (the pastor, the mentor, etc.)**
- 2. When our focus is on good works (repentance of sins, acts of charity, etc.)**
- 3. When our focus is on the tradition (denomination, theological framework, etc.)**



⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in **the name of the Lord Jesus.** ⁶And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷There were about twelve men in all.



The Name of Jesus must be above all spiritual leaders, works, and traditions as the center of our faith.



⁸And he entered the **synagogue** and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹But when some became **stubborn and continued in unbelief**, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the **hall of Tyrannus**. ¹⁰This continued for two years, so that **all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord**, both Jews and Greeks.

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¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons that had touched his skin
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evil spirits came out of them.**



What do miracles reveal to us?

- 1. That the Name of Jesus has power over earthly things (disease, death, food/water, etc.)**
- 2. That the Name of Jesus has power over spiritual things (sin, demonic forces, false idols, etc.)**
- 3. That Jesus loves you (cares for both soul and body)**

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**¹³Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists undertook to invoke
the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying,
“I adjure you by the Jesus whom Paul proclaims.” ¹⁴Seven sons of a
Jewish high priest named Sceva were doing this.**

**We can either embrace or reject the Name
of Jesus - there is no middle ground.**

¹⁵But the evil spirit answered them, “Jesus I know, and Paul I recognize, but who are you?” ¹⁶And the man in whom was the evil spirit leaped on them, **mastered** all of them and **overpowered** them, so that they fled out of that house **naked** and **wounded**.

What happens when we reject the Name of Jesus?

- 1. Sin owns us.** Our values, goals, ideals, dreams, and purposes become enslaved to pride.
- 2. Sin overpowers us.** Our thoughts, emotions, and actions becomes driven by fear.
- 3. Sin exposes us.** Our identity and sense-of-self becomes consumed by shame.
- 4. Sin wounds us.** Our relationships with ourself, others, and God becomes defined by brokenness.

¹⁷And this became known to all the residents of Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was extolled. ¹⁸Also many of those who were now believers came, confessing and divulging their practices. ¹⁹And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.

What happens when we embrace the Name of Jesus?

1. **Jesus frees us.** He removes the shackles of sin and death and makes us eternally free!
2. **Jesus strengthens us.** He sends us the Holy Spirit who empowers us to resist temptation and do what is good!
3. **Jesus covers us.** He clothes us in His righteousness that we may be called sons and daughters of God!
4. **Jesus heals us.** He reconciles us to God and teaches us how to live rightly with one another!

²⁰So the word of the Lord continued to
increase and prevail mightily.

**The Name of Jesus is
the only name in
Heaven or on Earth
that can save.**

