

TRAJECTORY | THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS | ACTS 4:5-20

What happens when you've truly been with Jesus? Your life is transformed, your testimony points to Christ, and eventually, you can't help but speak about what you've seen and heard. This weekend, we'll discover what it means to live as a witness whose life makes people say, "They've been with Jesus."

MAIN POINTS, QUESTIONS OR THINGS THAT STUCK OUT TO YOU:

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FURTHER STUDY:

Cross References, Resources, etc.

2 Corinthians 5:14–21; Galatians 2:20; Mark 5:1–20; John 9:1–34



SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

GROUND RULES: Encourage others and hold yourself accountable.
What is said within a group stays in the group. | Where is it written in the Bible?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why is Peter's answer in verses 8–12 centered so completely on Jesus?

Why do you think Luke places the statement “they had been with Jesus” immediately alongside their boldness and the religious leaders' astonishment?

Is Peter's boldness primarily the result of becoming more courageous, or is it the result of becoming convinced of something about Jesus? What does Acts 4 indicate?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

In 2 Corinthians 5:14–21 - What does Paul mean when he says, “the old has passed away; behold, the new has come”? How does this apply to your life now as a believer?

In Acts 4, Peter says, “We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.” In Mark 5, Jesus tells the man to tell what the Lord has done. In John 9, the formerly blind man repeatedly tells what happened to him. In 2 Corinthians 5, those who have been reconciled to God become ambassadors for Christ. If your life is in Christ, what should your witness look like?

Peter and John were willing to identify themselves with Jesus even when there was a cost. Who is one person God has already placed in your life who may need to hear what Jesus has done for you? What would it look like to intentionally take one step toward being a witness to that person this week?

Read Ahead: 1 Peter 4:7–11