

ACTS

Jesus still matters

SERMON OUTLINE

Sunday February 10th, 2019

ACTS - Jesus is Annoying
Pastor David Cooke - Acts 4:1 - 31(ESV)

- **Danger: Beliefs Being** _____

A) Not everyone wants to seek truth
Acts 4:1–4

B) Jesus Is Irritating

- **What's Your** _____?
An Intimidating Audience
Acts 4:5–7

- **Power In The Name of** _____

A) Peter was empowered

B) Love Has A Name



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- **Jesus Is** _____

Acts 4:11–12

- **Being With Jesus**

Being With Jesus Changes You

Acts 4:13–14

- **The Higher** _____

A) Earthly Power Must Submit To Heavenly Authority

B) Truth Wins

Acts 4:15–22

- **The Strength and Comfort of** _____

Acts 4:23

- **Only Be Shaken By** _____

Acts 4:21 & Acts 4:31

Answers: Challenged, Power, Jesus, Annoying, Authority, Community, God



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LIFE GROUPS STUDY GUIDE

We meet in Life Groups to:

- Connect with God and each other
- Connect the Bible to life
- Connect with the community through serving together

OUR VISION

Our Bold, Daring, Audacious Dream and Prayer: *By 2028 Cold Springs Church will raise up 10,000 local, national and international leaders who live and lead out of the overflow of a Jesus-trusting life resulting in restored and strengthened families.*

(Check out our Vision Wall in the lobby!)

ICE BREAKER: What does your name mean? How does it correlate with who you are? (Look this up ahead of time, or stop and Google it during the icebreaker).

PRAYER Our desire is that you give 10% of your time to God in prayer. Take time to pray with your group.

THIS WEEK: “Jesus Is Annoying” Acts 4:1-31

In Acts, the Bible captures the story of how a crucified Jesus challenged a hostile and disinterested culture with a message of hope, grace and love that continues to transform lives today. The Book of Acts. Jesus still matters. Jesus still transforms. Jesus still challenges culture. Jesus still saves.

1. Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, what particularly caught your attention, encouraged, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

The challenge of Jesus in our culture today - as it was 2,000 years ago - is he is as uncompromising in who he is, what he came to do and the need to respond to this. In our culture, truth can seem relative. Yet the Bible is clear, “... there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (v. 12). By definition, truth is *true* regardless of who believes it.



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2. In light of this weekend's message, how would you describe who Jesus is?

Truth and grace are terms much used. The Bible tells us that while "the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus" (Jn. 1:17, ESV).

Read Ephesians 4:29-32 and Colossians 4:6.

3. How can a person demonstrate *both* the truth and grace of Jesus with people who believe differently?

TAKING IT HOME

In this week's chapter, the disciples demonstrated the courage of conviction under Jesus' authority. How did they consistently do this? Through the power of the Holy Spirit who is greater than the one trying to shake people up.

Another aspect of courage comes from the strength and comfort to be found in community. Acts 4:23-30 show us four ways in which Jesus-trusting friendships provide positive impact in our lives:

Perspective (v.23)

Prayer (v.24)

Truth (v.28)

Encouragement (vv.29-30)

4. Of the above four dynamics that friendship provides, which do you most need in your life this season?
5. In thinking of those whom God has brought into your life, who is someone that could use your friendship?
6. What gets in people's way of giving or receiving the friendship that provides these four things?
7. Taking all that you have considered this week, what is the one important thing for you to remember and put into action?

