

ACTS

CHAPTER 4:1-23

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TITLE:

“The Old Meets The New”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea** and **Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

Earthquake

This week in L.A. a couple of earthquakes rattled through the area. the U.S.G.S told us the *Old* Continental-Plate continues to slip under the *New* Pacific sea-plate.

It's the common story of what happens when *Old* meets *New*

The Clash between two Systems

Jesus Warned us about trying

to mix two different movements, He said;

Luke 5:37-39

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. :38 "But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved. :39 "And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.'"

A Chemical Reaction

As the fresh new relationship of elements come together, they act as a catalyst, The atoms become very active, creating and causing fermentation and a new taste is born.

The Results are often rejected or ignored
but if it will not go away, then persecution against arises

Persecution is built into the gospel. It is a dividing power.

When it's presented correctly, it automatically begins to separate the natural from the supernatural, the light from the darkness, the open from the closed.

The Positive Side:

Matthew 4:16

The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light has dawned."

The Negative Side:

John 3:19

"And this is the condemnation, that THE LIGHT has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

1.) The Power

of His Name

vv. 1-7

Verse 1-2

- The Priests,

Hundreds of them (24 courses) each serving a week a year.

- The Captain of the Temple,

a Levitical police department, in charge of religious order & affairs.

- The Sadducees, *where in control of Jerusalem at this time*

*the Sadducees, non-resurrectionists. not believing in the super-natural
"they came upon them" they were the ones who were outraged*

Verse 2

**"being greatly disturbed"
that they "taught" the people and "preached" IN JESUS
the resurrection from the dead**

The Great Debate between the Pharisees & Sadducees

How a Belief can Hold a Man

We have accounts of Pharisees coming to conversion,
but never do we see Sadducees coming to conversion.

They denied the supernatural

Verse 3

Satan will discover a profound truth

His desire is to marry her (the church) in to the world and dilute her witness.

**“The Blood of the Martyrs
is the seed of the church”**

God uses the evil devises of men, often persecution, to accomplish His will in the church. It is often the fear of persecution that steals our courage and boldness but God is in our persecution !!

SO MUCH SO THAT...

We shall see that God will use persecution to disperse the church out from Jerusalem to Samaria from Samaria to Judea from Judea to the ends of the earth

Verse 4

5,000 (male-men, alone)

Verse 5-7

The Power of His Name !!!

Verse 6

The same murderous counsel that Jesus stood before about two months earlier.

Verse 7

“By What Power or by what name have you done this?”

A Lawyers Question by Right
Deuteronomy 13

This is invitation 1A

Who ordained you two guys into the ministry ?
what cemetery did you graduate from ?

2. The Defense

in His Name

vv. 8-12

Verse 8

The Authorities had not reckoned

filled with the Holy Spirit. said to them.
not in tongues, not via a healing, not by a miracle,

**“Rulers & Elders”
*a sarcastic tinge to it***

Verse 9-10

Judged for a "good deed"
The Purpose for the arrest... "by what means"

well GRK *sozo (sode'-zo)*
to be saved or to save, to be whole

Verse 10

1 Peter 3:15

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Luke 21:12-15

"But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake. :13 "But it will turn out for you as an occasion for testimony. (no doubt, the Holy Spirit reminded them of these prophetic words.) :14 "Therefore settle it in your hearts not to meditate beforehand on what you will answer; :15 "for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

Jesus went so far to say...

Luke 21:16

"You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

Verse 10

If we are going to be judged, then let it be known

Blame it on Jesus !!!

After all, You saw what He did to the blind people. you saw how He treated the lepers and how He dealt with prostitutes !!! that's right **Blame it on Jesus !!!**

John 8:39-41

Jesus had earlier said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. :40 "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from my Father. Abraham did not do this. :41 "You do the deeds of your father."

What His Name can Generate

Quoting Psalm 118

Peters draws to their minds a famous story they all knew of;

The Chief Cornerstone

was to be the last stone placed.

It's function was to join the entire work together...

according to the history of Solomon's temple, it was 7 years in the making. Three years into the project the quarrymen sent up to the temple mount the chief cornerstone. It was misapplied and thought to have been made in error. rejected, they rolled it down into the Kidron valley.

Ephesians 2:19-22

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, :20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, :21 in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, :22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Matthew 21:42-44

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: `The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? :43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. :44 "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder."

Verse 12

BLASPHEMY to the Jewish leaders

In addition to the temple stuff, Stop trusting in the temple, stop trusting in religion, stop trusting in your works & traditions

Galatians 2:16

"knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

HEY REMEMBER HOW YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN...

through faith in Jesus Christ

...ALONE

Galatians 3:2

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

The No. 1 Worship Killer

The Church at Galatia went forward at the Crusade and went no further... *works centered salvation crept in.*

Too Narrow Jack !

**Nor is there Salvation in any other name
for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which
we *MUST* be saved.**

3. The Victory

by His Name

vv. 13-18

Verse 13

Note the Difference in Peter

he had gotten the victory in Christ, he was filled

**“They perceived that they were uneducated
and untrained men”**

They held no degrees from the Hebrew schools

Been

GRK en (ane)

to be in agreement with, or to be one with or to gather together

Matthew 12:30

"He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

(The meaning of this verse is clear & simple)

If a man had a task to do and time was running out to complete it, if you should be in front of him and did nothing to fulfill his task, you, having the potential to do something for him, actually worked against him.)

1 Kings 18:21

"How long will you falter between two opinions?

If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, *(the gods of pleasure)* follow him.

"To neglect the one is to choose the other"

(He's not begging you, He' asking you)

Another misconception was "BEEN" past tense

Verse 14

Seeing Peter & Seeing the Man

By the way, this is the proof of the calling - the fruit !!!

Jesus said;

Ye have not chosen me, *but I have chosen you*, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask

4. The Confidence

Upon His Name

vv. 19-23

Verse 19-20

We have judged and made our choice.
now you do the same, Choose

Go Figure

Obedience to God supersedes the Law
when at variance

Our Freedom**S** are Vanishing

At The City of Chino

they attack us on the grounds of money

Isaiah 5:20

Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Our missionaries in China

are smuggling bibles and teaching cassettes of Pastor Chuck - it's absolutely illegal and punishable by expulsion, imprisonment or death.

Street Witnessing
and freedom (observe us)

vs.

Homosexual
"Coming Out Parade (observe them)

How many people a year contract AIDS from going to church?