

**March 12, 2023**  
**Acts 4:1-22 Part 2**  
**“The Exclusivity Of The Gospel”**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

No other name. Invitation given. The “Exclusivity of Christianity” goes against the grain of our religious pluralistic society, “Co-exist” doesn’t measure up; why exist when you can live? While Christians are exclusive the world is inclusive, except for Christianity of course. How dare you say there is only one way, I didn’t say that, Jesus did.

These country boys handled themselves so well in front of the Sanhedrin that they just marveled at them. Slowly it came back to them, these guys had been with Jesus. What they wanted to suppress they had enhanced. See: [Acts 4:12](#); [1 Timothy 2:5](#); [John 14:6](#).

They called for a defense concerning what name they had done this in, instead they got a sermon. Let’s stay positive and ready to answer all about our hope in Jesus, with gentleness and respect, [1 Peter 3:15](#).

The decision was made, threaten the apostles, warn them not to speak anymore in the name of Jesus. In so doing they set up a legal basis for further action should it be needed. The response of these men was never in doubt, the gospel for them was like the Prophet Jeremiah described, a fire burning in their bones. Not to be quenched!

**Application:**

There are many false religions. There are billions of people who follow the teachings and beliefs of false gods. They are very sincere in their beliefs, and yet, they are sincerely wrong.

The message the world needs so desperately is in our text today, “There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved” [Acts 4:12](#).

How can I be effective for the kingdom of God with so many opposing world views and so much hostility toward the gospel? Be faithful to trust the Lord as you witness. When you are challenged or threatened in some way remember these words, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” [Acts 1:8](#).

Jerry Falwell had a saying that went something like this, “The measure of a man is not what he can accomplish or do. The measure of a man is what it would take to make him quit.” For the apostles nothing short of death could stop them from speaking in the name of Jesus. Even in the face of adversity let’s make every effort to share the love of Jesus with a lost and dying world. Rescue the perishing, if not you, then who . . . ?