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*Acts 4:19-20, 1 Corinthians 2:2, Jude 1:23, Acts 4:21-22*

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*Acts 3:19-20 NLT Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. <sup>20</sup> Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah.*

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*Acts 4:1-3 NLT While Peter and John were speaking to the people, they were confronted by the priests, the captain of the Temple guard, and some of the Sadducees. <sup>2</sup> These leaders were very disturbed that Peter and John were teaching the people that through Jesus there is a resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They arrested them and, since it was already evening, put them in jail until morning.*

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*Acts 4:5-7 NLT The next day the council of all the rulers and elders and teachers of religious law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, along with Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and other relatives of the high priest. <sup>7</sup> They brought in the two disciples and demanded, "By what power, or in whose name, have you done this?"*

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*Acts 4:8-9 NLT Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, <sup>9</sup> are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed?"*

*Acts 4:10-12 NLT Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup> For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The Stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."*

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*Acts 4:13-14 NLT The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men with no special training in the Scriptures. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing right there among them, there was nothing the council could say.*

**Peter and Johns repeating message: You've sinned, you're guilty and you need to repent and turn to Jesus.**

**"I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day;  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely tell the way.  
The eye is a better pupil, more willing than the ear;  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example is always clear,  
And the best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,  
For to see a good put in action is what everybody needs."**

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**People are asking Christians "Do you believe what you say you believe?"**

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**Do you realize how much blood has been shed so you could be saved?**

***Romans 10:14 NLT But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?***

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***Acts 4:15-18 NLT So they ordered Peter and John out of the council chamber and conferred among themselves. <sup>16</sup> “What should we do with these men?” they asked each other. “We can’t deny that they have performed a miraculous sign, and everybody in Jerusalem knows about it. <sup>17</sup> But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus’ name again.” <sup>18</sup> So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.***

**Christians have to decide if they are willing to follow God’s command, and endure earthly rejection.**

***Acts 4:19-20 NLT But Peter and John replied, “Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him? <sup>20</sup> We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.”***

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***1 Corinthians 2:2 NLT For I decided that while I was with you I would forget everything except Jesus Christ, the one who was crucified.***

**The driving force in talking about Jesus MUST BE how much we care about whether or not the people we witness to, go to hell.**

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***Jude 1:23 NLT Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.***

***Acts 4:21-22 NLT The council then threatened them further, but they finally let them go because they didn’t know how to punish them without starting a riot. For everyone was praising God <sup>22</sup> for this miraculous sign—the healing of a man who had been lame for more than forty years.***

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