**Theme: *No Other Name Acts 4:1-13 Rev. Thomas Parrish***

**While there are dozens of worldwide religious leaders names in our history, they are all in their graves. However there is only one name that produces forgiveness, purpose and eternal life because he rose from the dead. That name is Jesus!**

**Acts 4 *And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,2greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.***

**FIRST OUTCOME: SADDUCEES (ISRAEL’S SUPREME COURT) WERE GREATLY ANNOYED.** Tell me, what other name commands so much response of hatred at any time in history? There is None except Jesus.

**SECOND OUTCOME: VS. 4 MOVE THAN 5000 MEN HEARD AND BELIEVED THE MESSAGE ABOUT JESUS.**

**WHY DID THIS HAPPEN? NOT ONLY IS THE NAME OF JESUS THE ONLY NAME FOR SALVATION BUT-IT IS THE NAME THAT CHANGES LIVES COMPLETELY!**

**He wants to change this world, behavior, attitudes and actions of you and me so that we in turn can be people who he uses to change the life of others.**

***5On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?”***

**Pastor Tom street level paraphrase: *Hey, you didn’t get your assignment through us. We didn’t give you any authority. You are nothing but amateurs disrupting our power. We’re not a bit happy with you and we want you to shut up now and forever about this Jesus or we’ll make you suffer.***

***8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,10let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.*** ***11This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.***

**By the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Whom you crucified. The God of Israel raised from the dead. This risen Jesus is the author of this crippled man’s healing.**

**Question: Why are so many Christians so timid about speaking the truth regarding Jesus?** *Either Christians are ignorant of who Jesus is and what he has done and their responsibility OR They know the truth but are afraid of ridicule, rejection, and humiliation by the culture around them***.**

**This is our dramatic need in America today.** Christian men and women who will stand up, proclaim Jesus, speak the truth and if need be, pay the price!

**KEY VERSE of this entire section:**  ***12And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”***

So here are the top ten reasons people cite as to why they should get into heaven. I am a good person. I’ve never hurt anyone. I have tried to follow the ten commandments. I went to church. I give to the poor. I’ve never cheated on my spouse. I have attempted to always do what is right. I admit when I’m wrong. I don’t steal. Compared to others I’ve been pretty good.

Isaiah 53:6vAll we like sheep have gone astray;  we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him  the iniquity of us all.

Romans 3:23 23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

BOMBSHELL TRUTH: We can never earn salvation or qualify for the Kingdom of God on our own.

 Peter and John got it right: There is no salvation in in anyone else. That means that There is no other name except JESUS who can open the door to eternity and real purpose for us.

In the English Standard Version (ESV), "Jesus" is mentioned over *925 times*.

. **KEY WORD** for salvation and eternity come down to one word, one name, that is **JESUS!**

***13Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.***

**How do you and I live and interact so that even our enemies will say that they recognize that we have been with Jesus?**

1. **We openly proclaim the name of Jesus as the only means of salvation, purpose, joy and peace.**
2. **We keep Jesus and His Purpose as the driving reality of who we are and why we exist.**
3. **We extend repeated invitations and opportunities to family, friends, schoolmates, co-workers, and acquaintances the opportunity to hear about this Jesus through our voices and actions in good and bad times.**

**If you believe this truth then stand with me and share these truths out loud:**

 **There is power in the name of Jesus.**

There is salvation in no one else.

Praise the Name of Jesus. Amen!