

Offended by the Mission of Jesus
Acts 4:1-22, Pew Bible p. 911
April 27, 2025

I. Why Jesus is So Offensive (V. 1-4)

- A. Jesus defies everything the lost world believes.
- B. Jesus rebukes everything the lost world does.

II. What the Lost World Does (V. 5-12)

- A. The first objective of a lost world is to get you to stop believing in Jesus.
- B. The second objective of a lost world is to get you to stop speaking about Jesus.

III. How We Must Respond (V. 13-22)

- A. The first response of a Christian to a lost world is to stand firm in their belief in Jesus.
- B. The second response of a Christian to a lost world is to be unashamed in glorifying Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Read Acts 4:1-22
2. Have you ever witnessed people be annoyed at the work of God (V. 2) rather than blessed?
 - a. Why does this happen so often?
 - b. How can you avoid being offended at the work of God?
3. What was the people's response to Peter and John's message, even while they were being arrested, according to verse 4?
 - a. What does that tell you about what we must prepare to suffer in order to share the gospel with people?
4. Why do you think the Jewish leaders were so determined to stop the name of Jesus from being spread, as verses 17-18 say?
 - a. In today's world, what are some things that society is fine with Christians doing as long as they do not try to convert people to Jesus Christ?
5. What was Peter and John's response to the world's desire for them to stop doing good in Jesus' name (V. 19-20)?
 - a. What should our response today be?
 - b. How can you do a better job giving Jesus credit for the things He is doing in your life?
6. Pray for our church to manifest the miracles of God to our community while calling people to follow Christ as a result. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center lobby.

John 4:21-24 (ESV)

²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for both those preparing for baptism to follow through with their commitments and be blessed by their obedience to Christ.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); Michelle LaM. (son); and Debbie B. (son-in-law);
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Del M. (wife), Bonnie V. (husband), Kasuma A. (grandnephew), Nancy C. (husband), Darlene R. (Husband), Woody S. (wife), Ashley S. (grandmother), Kate D. (mother)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Betty W. (car accident), Gaylon K. (surgery), Anne W. (health), Joy M. (injury), Matthew M. (hospitalization), Kathy W. (hospitalization), Helene D. (care for grandson)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.