THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS • ACTS 4:13-22

In Acts 4:13-22, Peter and John stand before the most powerful people in Israel and boldly proclaim the name of Jesus. The miracles they had seen and the truths they had heard from Jesus turned their entire lives upside down and caused them to be bold gospel witnesses. Here we find a pattern of living not only meant for these apostles, but for each of us who follow Christ. Since "They Had Been With Jesus," their hearts were filled with gospel boldness and their lips with gospel witness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Look at Acts 4:13. Where does Peter and John's boldness come from? How does their being uneducated and common men contrast with this boldness?

2. What does it mean that they had been with Jesus? How are we able to spend time with Jesus so that the same might be said of us?

3. Now look at verses 19-20. What do they mean that they cannot but speak of what they have seen and heard?

4. Does anything prevent you from speaking and sharing what you've seen and heard in God's word? Is anything in your life hindering your boldness and courage for gospel witness?

PRAY: Ask that the Lord would fill you with his Holy Spirit—that he would make you bold and courageous to share the gospel. Pray that God would grow in you a delight to read his word as you seek to spend time with Jesus.