

What kind of men follow Jesus

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Introduction

1. Acts 4:13-31
2. The Gospel was to be preached. Matthew 29:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8
3. The apostles Peter and John were doing this
 1. They were in a defense mode
 2. They were defending themselves
 3. They were defending the miracle that was done
 4. They were defending Christ.
4. The Sanhedrin took a good look at these men and noticed something about them that was unusual.
5. We want to know what this was and emulate them.

II Discussion

1. Who were these men?
 1. They were ignorant and unlearned men verse 13
 1. This did not mean they did not know letters and numbers John 7:15; Luke 4:17
 2. These two men were fishermen Matthew 4:18-22; John 21:1-8
 3. They were business men and not stupid men
 2. The other apostles
 1. Matthew was a tax collector Matthew 9:9; 10:3
 2. Paul was a tent maker and educated Acts 18:3; 22:3
 3. They had been with Jesus
 1. One time they were filled with fear, now with boldness
 2. Companionship makes a difference 1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 13:20; Luke 10:1 Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
2. What happen to these men?
 1. Threaten verses 17, 18
 1. Who made these threats
 1. Sadducees Acts 23:8
 2. Priest Acts 3:17; Luke 23:13
 2. What if they obeyed these threats, no church, New Testament, or salvation!
 2. They spoke
 1. The things they saw and heard, they saw and heard Jesus Acts 4:19-20
 2. Behold their threatenings, grant boldness verse 29
 3. They did not ask for what to say, but what to say with boldness
 3. Prayers answered Verse 31
3. What about us today?
 1. People threaten us
 1. We need courage 2 Peter 1:5 [virtue courage] (Adam Clarke)
 2. We have the Christian Armor Ephesians 6:10-17
 2. Financial ruin
 1. Preacher lose their job for preaching the truth
 2. Employee lose their job for standing for the truth
 3. Employer may lose jobs for standing for the truth
 4. Matthew 16:26; 19:29
 5. Lose family or friends Matthew 10:21-40
 6. How much time do we spend with Jesus?

III Conclusion

1. How do people perceive you?
2. More importantly how does Christ perceive you?
3. Are you spreading His message, living His message?

4. Why not start now
5. Past can be forgotten, repented of
6. Future is before us and we can make a difference.

Sources: Different commentaires HBR 1998; Adam Clarke