

Let's Go Fishing! Why?

“Why can't we just



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Acts 3: The Lame Beggar healed and Peter preaches

Acts 4: Peter and John are confronted by the religious leaders and thrown in jail

¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

²⁰ for we cannot help but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

What did they see and hear that would compel them to risk everything for?

Acts 4: Peter answers the question

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?”

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. (Psalm 118:22)

¹²And salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other NAME under heaven given [once and for all] among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated [idiōtēs - ē-dē-ō'-tās], common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

WHY DO WE FISH?

- The message of salvation, forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God the Father, is not intuitive.
- The message of Jesus Christ crucified and risen is history!
- One will never know about salvation in Jesus Christ unless someone tells him or her!
- We don't fish because we have all the answers to all of the world's questions...or...
- We don't believe in the resurrection simply because the Bible says it happened. We believe because Peter and John and the disciples and over 500 people were eyewitnesses.

WHY DO WE FISH? Salvation is found in no one else!

*“What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!”*