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THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Acts 4:13
Now 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.*

In the face of intense persecution and pressure regarding their witness for Jesus, Peter and John answered their interrogators with amazing insight and courage. Their interrogators recognized that the profundity of their answers, and the boldness of this duo's stance were not the

product of their upbringing or academic training. It was well known that they were ordinary, unschooled individuals. There was only one explanation for their wisdom and courage: they had been transformed by their relationship with Jesus.

What was true of Peter or John back then is true of genuine followers of Christ today. Intimate interaction with Christ changes us and marks us. We find ourselves wiser, bolder, more compassionate, more insightful. Our speech and actions cannot help but exude the fragrance of Lord Jesus Christ. Our character and lifestyle bear eloquent testimony that something supernatural is at play. These qualities are not the result of meticulous upbringing, or elite training. No, they could only come

from the marvelous impact of intimacy with Christ.

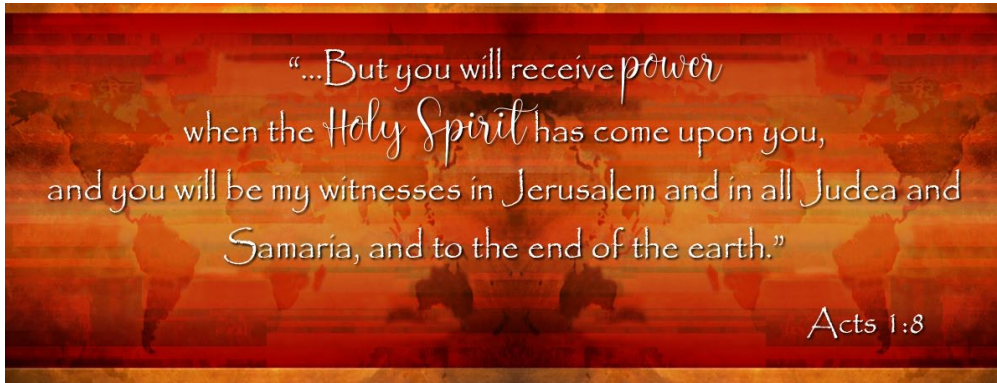
What does your behavior and disposition say about you? When those who know you best, or even those who oppose you, contemplate your life and values are they moved to observe that you have been with Jesus? Does the spirit and grace of Jesus Christ saturate your life?

I pray that we will walk so closely with Christ it will be regularly said of us, as it was of Peter and John: "They have been with Jesus."

God bless you,

Pastor James

DON'T BE DISTRACTED, YOU ARE HIS WITNESS



WHAT'S HAPPENING

<p>CORPORATE PRAYER TUE @ 7 PM</p> <p>Jan 11 Join us via Zoom video Please contact Pastor James for log on information at rcantio@gmail.com</p>	<p>EVENING SERVICE 1st & 3rd SUN @ 6 PM</p> <p>Jan 16 join us in-person at church.</p>	<p>WORSHIP SERVICE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jan 16 In-person service & livestream. Livestreaming only on Facebook and our church's website.</p>
<p>QUICK TIPS</p> <p>Two ways to give your offering. Traditional with a check by mail or through our secured website online giving is now possible. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!</p>	<p>YOUTH GROUP FRI @ 6:45 PM</p> <p>Jan 14 Youth meetings are in-person at church. for ages 13 & older</p>	<p>KIDZONE SUN @ 11 AM</p> <p>Jan 16 Kidzone is available every Sunday during the morning service. for ages 4 – 12 yrs. old.</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Growth Groups begin February 3rd.** Sign up at the Information Center or Online to attend a group convenient to you.
- **Ladies Meeting is on January 22nd @ 10:30 am** at church. The theme is: Let's Move.
- **Explore Mountain Stream Classes** for those interested in becoming members, or just finding out more about Mountain Stream **begin on Sunday at 10 am.** Please sign up at the Information Center to attend.
- We need some church members to serve in our Nursery ministry. If you are interested, please contact Indira Phillip.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are now available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings through the link on our website.