

Study notes based on Acts 4:1-22

1. Why do you think the Jewish authorities got upset at the healing of the lame man?
2. Can you identify circumstances in which we might be similarly minded? (see Mark 9:38 and Matthew 7:22)
3. Graeme identifies Satan's subtle strategy to prevent people using the name of Jesus. Check out the following scriptures which speak of his name. (Luke 10:17; John 16:24; John 14:13; John 16:26; Acts 2:38; John 20:31; Acts 3:6,16; Acts 4:30; Acts 16:18; Philippians 2:10)
4. Graeme suggested that we are at war, even though Satan is ultimately defeated and that his major tactic is to eliminate use of the powerful name of Jesus. In what ways can you see this worked out in our culture today? Reflect on your own conversation with not yet Christians. do you find it easier to talk about, God, faith, church, Christianity than to use the name of Jesus? Why might this be?
5. Why do you think so many people use the name of Jesus as a swear word? How can we respond to this?
6. Read Ephesians 4:22-27. In what ways might Christians be duped into giving the devil a foothold?
7. Take confidence in the name of Jesus by reading the following passages: Colossians 1:15-20; Philippians 2:5-11; Hebrews 1:1-8; Revelation 5:9-14; Revelation 19:11-16

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