

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

(Hebrews 4:12)

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

How often?

Can others see “it”?

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they *had been with Jesus*.

14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves,

16 saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.”

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

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

20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, since they all glorified God for what had been done.

22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

1. TRANSFORMED *(v 13)*

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*What do others “see and marvel” in you...
your wealth, intellect, status?*

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

2. THREATENED (vv 16,17)

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“Speaking Jesus’ name” is the real threat we face.

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3. TENACIOUS *(vv 18–20)*

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What have you “seen and heard of Jesus”?

“HAVE YOU BEEN WITH JESUS?”

(Acts 4:13–22)

1. TRANSFORMED

2. THREATENED

3. TENACIOUS

“Effective public life and ministry is made manifest through intimate private devotion to Jesus.”