

No Other Name: The Exclusive Claims Of Christianity

Acts 4:1-12

Acts: The Real Church

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Pluralism says:

“It doesn’t really matter what you believe, all religions are basically the same.”

God says something else:

1. The gospel offends religious **bureaucracy** v.1-3.
 - a. It will offend corrupt **nepotism** - The priest
 - b. It will offend religious **ambition** – the Captain of the Temple – “Sagan”
 - c. It will offend those with **controlling interests** – the Sadducees.
 - d. The bureaucrats **forbid** non-credentialed teachers.
 - e. The bureaucrats **feared** the preaching of the resurrection.
2. The gospel **overcomes** any restrictions v.4 - 2 Ti 2:9
 - a. Prison gates can’t **lock up** the gospel.
 - b. Prison walls can’t deter the **growth** of the gospel.
3. The gospel gathers the opposition and it **grants opportunity** v.5-7.
 - a. The same crowd always **unites** against the gospel v.5-6.
 - b. The same demands are always made of the **messengers** v.7.
4. The gospel Messenger is **enabled** by the Holy Spirit v.8-12
 - a. By the Holy Spirit we can **face the opposition** v.8.
 - b. By the Holy Spirit we can **clarify** the issues v.9.
 - c. By the Holy Spirit we can **glorify Jesus** v.10.
 - d. By the Holy Spirit we can **rightly apply** the scriptures v.11.
 - e. By the Holy Spirit we can **proclaim** there is no other name than Jesus v.12!
 - i. He is the **only stone**. There is no salvation in any other.
 - ii. He is the **universal** Savior. There is no other name [power or authority] under heaven.

He is the **personal** Savior. In his name **we** must be saved.