



## The Ultimate Cure

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**Scripture Reading: Acts 4:5-13**

In this passage we see what it meant to the early church when they used the name Jesus in their ministry

- Moving from church on Sunday to church in the community – Church begins on Monday
- the importance of knowing the answer to this question “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

### The context – The healing of the lame man

Acts 3:6 (NKJV) Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

→ “Silver and gold I do not have” - We tend to focus on what we do not have – physical resources.

- What did the lame man need? What does the world need?

→ “what I do have I give you” – the name of Jesus Christ

- Peter made a distinction between resources available on earth and resources available supernaturally from Jesus Christ

Acts 3:16 (NKJV) And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

### What’s in a name?

Acts 4:7 (NKJV) And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, “By what power or by what name have you done this?”

→ Shakespeare in Romeo and Juliet - “What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.”

- you can call a rose whatever you want it wont change what a rose is. The flower gives the meaning to the name

→ It’s the person behind the name that makes the name

- saying the name of Jesus is not a mantra. Who you believe Jesus is, will determine your experience with the name Jesus Christ.

## The person behind the name Jesus?

- Look at Peter's response and you see what the early church believed about Jesus

==> The apostles believed 2 things about Jesus:

→ He had ultimate control over human condition

Acts 4:10 (NKJV) let it be known to you all, 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 stands here before you whole.

→ He had ultimate control over human destiny

Acts 4:12 (NKJV) Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

## The importance of Knowing the person behind the name

→ There was an intimate connection between the relationship with Jesus and the use of his name - "they had been with Jesus"

Acts 4:13 (NKJV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marvelled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus.

God has no grandchildren – no second hand experience with God

→ Beware of a relationship with Jesus "twice removed"

- remember the sons of Sceva

Acts 19:11-17 - "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

Acts 19:15 (NKJV) And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

TO KNOW THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME, WE NEED TO KNOW THE PERSON JESUS CHRIST

## Jesus the ultimate cure

- Each time we use His name, let us remind ourselves of the person behind the name.

→ He is the ultimate authority

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

→ He is the ultimate salvation

1 Corinthians 6:11

... But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

→ He is the ultimate access to God

John 14:6

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

→ He is the ultimate key to answered prayer

Jn 14:13-14

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

→ He is the ultimate defense from demonic oppression -

Luke 10:17

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

→ He is the ultimate healer -

James 5:14

Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

NEXT TIME YOU PRAY IN THE NAME OF JESUS REMEMBER THIS:

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JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE SAVIOUR

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE ACCESS TO GOD

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE ANSWER TO ALL OUR PRAYERS

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE PROTECTION FROM DEMONIC OPPRESSION

JESUS CHRIST IS THE ULTIMATE HEALER AND WORKER OF MIRACLES

JESUS CHRIST IS TRULY THE ULTIMATE CURE FOR THIS BROKEN WORLD

YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT