

Being with Jesus Changes Us

1. Being with Jesus Transformed the Apostles.
2. How Do We, Like Jesus, Reply to Earthly Authorities?
3. Jesus is actively transforming His followers.

Peter and John were common, ordinary folks used powerfully by God to accomplish His purposes. The more they pursued those purposes in the presence of Christ, the more He emboldened them to glorify His name. Let us also draw near to Christ in faith and follow our Savior as He faithfully transforms us to resemble Him more and more each day.

Acts—Series Overview

The Expansion of the Gospel Witness with Power

Acts records God's faithful accomplishment of all that He promised in taking the gospel to the nations. It lays the groundwork for all that will take place as His Church awaits His return. Just as Jesus lived and spoke as the Father commanded, we now are called to do in the power of His Holy Spirit. While Jesus did this perfectly, we will strive imperfectly, constantly in need of the Holy Spirit's direction, power, and correction. Nevertheless, our faithful God will work even through our failing efforts and His gospel witness through us will prevail and penetrate every nation, tribe, & territory. For the praise of our King!

APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide you:

How Are You Expressing Faith in Christ as King? What does that look like in your daily life? What other things does that bump up against? Where do you tend to meet resistance in your loyalty to Christ?

How are you growing in your loyalty to Christ? Be specific. How is that evidence of the Holy Spirit's work within you? What other loyalties do you need to lower or abandon?

How are you growing in your resemblance to Christ? Be specific. How is it evident that you have been with Jesus? Where do you need to ask the Holy Spirit to help you? What lesser things do you tend to resemble? What do you need to change so that those resemblances are not encouraged?