

“Eternal Conversations”

Introduction

I. How did the conversation **begin** ?

“Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.” Acts 3:6-8

The **power** of God will open hearts!

II. Who **started** the conversation?

“He is” “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.¹⁵ So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.¹⁶ “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it.” Acts 4:11-16

III. What is the **core message** of the conversation?

“Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God.²⁰ For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.” Acts 4:18-20

IV. When did the conversation become **personal** ?

“The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family.⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed,¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.¹¹ He is ” “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone”. Acts 4:5-11

V. Why must we **continue** the conversation?

“Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

The gospel message is not **intuitive**.

Small Group Questions

1. Why do we find it difficult to engage in eternal conversations?
2. Is it our responsibility to prove or disprove other religions? What if we can't answer a question that others have about our faith?
3. What is our core or central message?
4. All of this will only bring a person to the point of decision. How do you “call for the question”?
5. Why does the Lord ask **you** to be in the process?