

Sermon Study Guide – May 7th, 2023

Today's Focus: "The Only Way to Heaven"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ Today we will talk about how Jesus is the only way to heaven. How do many people in our world react to that? Why?
- ◆ Honestly, how do you react to that? Do you like to exclude others? If you were God, would you make things this way? Why did God do it this way?

2) Today's Message: Acts 4:8-12

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 man who was lame and are being 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 Jesus is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone." ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:

How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. What problem did the Sadducees have with Jesus?
2. How does it mirror the problem that people today (and we) have with Jesus?
3. Why are our problems with “Christian exclusivity” wrong?
4. How did Jesus show his love to us by being “excluded”?
5. Why can more people now be “included” in Jesus?
6. How should we bring this message of Jesus as “the only way to heaven” to others in our lives?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: *review* 1 Pt. 2:4-10, Jn. 14:1-11

Thursday: Isaiah 44:1-23

Tuesday: *review* Psalm 118

Friday: Acts 3

Wednesday: Mark 12:1-27

Saturday: *read/review* Acts 4