

The Costly Name of Christ

Acts 4:1-22

Acts 4:1-22 reveals 3 tests for those who bear the Name that reveal the believer's devotion to Jesus Christ.

I. Are you _____ for the Name?

(1-4)

1) The _____

2) The _____

3) The _____

II. Are you _____ on _____ to _____ for the

Name? (5-13)

1) _____ on _____ (5-10)

2) _____ on the _____ (11-12)

III. Are you _____ to the Name above all else? (14-22)

1. What are some subtle ways believers today are pressured to "step on the cross" without realizing it?
2. How does the location of Peter and John's preaching intensify the conflict in this passage?
3. Where do you personally feel the greatest resistance to speaking openly about Christ?
4. How does reliance on the Holy Spirit change the way we approach difficult conversations about faith?
5. What fears tend to surface when you think about defending or proclaiming Christ publicly?
6. Why is Scripture essential for contending for the faith rather than relying on personal reasoning alone?
7. How can this group support one another in faithfully bearing the name of Christ?
8. If someone observed your life this week, what would they conclude about how precious the name of Jesus is to you?