Acts 4:5-13; 18-21; 29-31 Are We Recognizable as Having Been With Jesus?

# **Objectives of Series:**

- 1. That we embrace, welcome, the 3<sup>rd</sup> person of the Trinity, the HS; that our fears of the HS would be replaced by our friendship with the HS.
- 2. That we become reliant upon the power of the HS so that our verbal witness of Jesus might be filled with the HS.
- 3. That we be re-invigorated by the HS so that we might be useful for the purposes of the HS, whatever that might be.





The HS is not an impersonal, spiritual force for the select few. The Spirit "takes life" ("born") in the heart of a believer, and sends us out as life-givers to the world.

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2. Luke – Acts uses the phrase "filled w the HS" to describe a special spiritual empowerment for a believer who gives testimony about Jesus Christ.

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them ... (ESV)

# 3. How do we explain the inability of the religious leaders to receive the gift of the HS that 1000's did receive?

Jn. 12:42-43 Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

### ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The testimony of their lips transformed the apostles so that they were recognizable as having been with Jesus.



# Next Steps.

- 1. Continue reading the book of Acts for this series. Pray this prayer, daily:
  - "Holy Spirit, I ask that you reinvigorate me, spiritually, and that you give me an opportunity, today, to give witness to Jesus Christ."

2. Keep a journal of what the HS says to you during your readings.