

Let His words wash over you, *“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”* As the night wore on He continued that theme, *“In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”* (John 15:16; 16:23-24)

What is it about His name? Is it a divine code to gain us secret access to God? What’s happening when you speak His name? The name of Jesus dominates our account of the early church.

Speaking and acting in His name (3:1-10)

Offering clarity in His name (3:11-16)

Extending hope in His name: (3:17-26; 4:1-22)

Personal Application and Interaction

1. Every year we hear of trends in the most popular names given to newborns. Be prepared to share some of the names that have put a smile on your face.
2. Why does Jesus tell us to ask in His name? How have you grown in your understanding and use of His name?
3. What was Peter asserting when He proclaimed to the crippled beggar, *“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk”*? (cf. John 5:17-19) What do you think God wants you to learn from this?
4. By whose *“faith in the name of Jesus,”* was, *“this man whom you see and know...made strong”*? What kind of platform did this create for the gospel in Chapters 3-4?
5. How does God open doors for the gospel through your confidence in *“the name of Jesus”*?



When witnesses speak His name

Acts 3 and 4

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