



“The Trouble with Christianity”

Acts 4:1-23 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon

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Introduction – *After Peter healed the lame man and explained what it meant by pointing to Jesus. They were in trouble with the authorities!*

I. The Problem with Christianity’s Claims.

- A. In a pluralistic culture making universal truth claims is a cultural sin.
- B. The things Peter was saying about Jesus got him in trouble with the authorities.
 - 1. Jesus rose from the dead.
 - 2. Jesus will return.
 - 3. Jesus will restore and bless the whole world.
- C. This was offensive to the Jews in particular, who were expecting a certain kind of Messiah.
- D. The Greco-Roman world at the time was officially pluralistic.
- E. But Peter said that there is salvation in no one else! (Acts 4:12)

II. Sharing the Gospel in a Pluralistic Society.

- A. Point to the evidence of who Jesus is, what Jesus did, and what Jesus said.
- B. Do good works of grace for people in Jesus’ name.
- C. Personally, live in the Gospel of Jesus’ Grace.
- D. Always do what is right in the sight of God for His glory.
- E. The truth of the Gospel cannot be watered down, but must be preached pointing to who Jesus is, what Jesus did, and what Jesus said.

Conclusion.