

Spring Semester 2018 – Pointing to Christ – Read Acts 3:1-4:22

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

Dear Friends & Family of True North,

Do you ever find yourself searching for answers? Last week was pretty intense with opinions regarding mental health, the safety of schools, and guns, guns, and more guns. A violent terrible tragedy has caused more violence. It may not be with the fists and weapons yet, but listen to (or read) the words of people. And opposing sides keep trying to silence one another. How is anything ever going to get better?

Well, there's no answer to that if we're looking for an earthly fix. Evil will never disappear on this side of heaven. The only answer to help is Christ. It's the preaching of Christ crucified. Yet the world doesn't want that answer. In the reading this week, you'll see that. The Lord through Peter and John did an amazing thing. A cripple for at least forty years was given the ability to walk. And there was anger. How could there be anger! A man with a disability is cured. Surely, this would have been a cause for rejoicing. Instead, it brought about a trial for Peter and John. In the midst of this, they had opportunities to point their audiences to Jesus. The verse highlighted above summarizes their message. They point to the salvation found in the crucified and risen Savior.

What did the Sanhedrin want? They wanted to silence the disciples. Stop preaching Christ was their demand. They threatened and threatened. But the disciples stood their ground and said they cannot help speaking what they have seen and heard. As we think about those around us, there are many who need to hear this message. As our country once again sees tragedy and needs healing, we have opportunities to point conversations to Christ. People are looking for answers. People are talking. Let's use the opportunities before us to point to Christ. The Lord's blessings this week!

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