

SERMON NOTES

"OUR LIVING LORD"

Acts 4

- The early church had an excitement that NOTHING could take away - _____, _____ & even their peers couldn't take away their excitement. The source of that excitement? _____!

- And because Jesus is alive . . .

I. His _____ continues (Acts 4:1-3)

- People think they are persecuting His _____ but in reality, they are persecuting _____! (Acts 9:1-5)

II. His _____ convinces (Acts 4:4)

- Preaching is not a lot of facts about a dead _____ . . . it is presenting the living _____.

"He was the greatest leader of all peoples, of all countries, of all times. He was the Lord of the new humanity. He was the Savior of the world." On Lenin's tomb

III. His _____ confronts (Acts 4:5-11)

- They thought they were through with Jesus but now they had a man on their hands who had been healed by Him!
- verse 12 is one of the great verses of all the Scriptures. (Acts 4:12)

IV. His _____ compels (Acts 4:13)

- What is this _____, this _____?
 - not _____
 - not _____ - _____
 - not _____
 - not _____

Boldness, confidence simple stated is knowing that Jesus is alive. If you are truly convinced that Jesus came out of the grave, what could ever be intimidating?

V. His people _____ (Acts 4:14-20)

- When told to "cease and desist" (v. 8), they replied that they could not stop speaking about what they had seen and heard (v. 20)
- Chapter 5:42 pretty much sums up the early church's position . . . every day and everywhere they presented Jesus as Messiah.