



## Why would anyone want to identify with Jesus?

### The Resiliency of Faith:

#### I. Mistreatment leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

*As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.*

Acts 4:1–4 (NASB)

*And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.*

Acts 3:16 (NASB)

#### II. Powerlessness leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

*On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"*

Acts 4:5–7 (NASB)

#### III. Rejection reveals \_\_\_\_\_.

*Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:8–12 (NASB)



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Something to take home and chew on!

#### 1. Why would anyone want to identify with Jesus?

2. **Why wouldn't people want to identify with Jesus?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **What makes it hard for you to identifying with Jesus in different areas or relationships of life?** At the office? At school? In your neighborhood? At the University? With your family? With your friends?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. **What does it mean to you to have your identity in Christ?** What does it mean that Jesus identifies with you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. **How do you experience resiliency in life because of your faith in Christ?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. **Want to do more research?** Check out this Pew Research Study: [Modeling the Future of Religion in America](#)

**Take a step in faith this week:**

1. **Download the free Christ Church app** to use for all your online connecting needs:  
<https://bit.ly/get-app-ccva>  
*Reach out to Darla at [drivi@christchurchva.org](mailto:drivi@christchurchva.org) for assistance if needed.*
2. **Let us know you are here today.** Fill out a Connection Card every Sunday. This helps us stay connected. Click the "Connection Card" tab at the top of the Online Campus Platform page, or open the Christ Church app to access.
3. **Check out our online bulletin each Sunday.** Go to the "Resources" tab at the top of the Online Campus Platform page or open the Christ Church app to access each week.  
**Here's this week's edition:** <https://conta.cc/3R6pmcY>
4. **Take the step of becoming a member of Christ Church** by joining Pastors Todd, Tony and HK for our **Membership Class, today at 12:30pm in Room 160** (half-walled classroom space in downstairs school wing) or online via Zoom ([register to obtain link](#)).

5. **Want to know more about baptism?** Join our **Baptism Class** after church **next Sunday, October 2 at 12:30pm**. Use your online bulletin to sign up.
6. Come and bring the whole family to our **Wednesday Night Dinner** (5:30pm) & **Discipleship** (6:30pm). Join a class ([pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org](mailto:pcharbonneau@christchurchva.org)), serve in Kids' Ministry ([agraybill@christchurchva.org](mailto:agraybill@christchurchva.org)) or join the Dinner Hospitality Team ([badams@christchurchva.org](mailto:badams@christchurchva.org)).
7. **Join us for Midday Prayer** each weekday at noon via [LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG](https://LIVE.CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG).
8. **Sign up for ministry newsletters.** If you don't get the weekly Pastor's Newsletter, make sure you sign up for that one. We also have weekly updates for the ministry areas you are interested in. Sign up for any of these at [CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/UPDATES](https://CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/UPDATES).

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**ANSWER KEY:**

I. **MULTIPLICATION**

II. **EMPOWERMENT**

III. **ELECTION**