

Labeled Acts 4:13

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Acts 4:13 *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

What are you, spiritually speaking? If I ask your neighbors about you, what would they say? Have they read your label or do you even have a label? If you have a label, how does it read?

Ignorant and unlearned

The disciples were *ignorant and unlearned men*, but they had a label. Outwardly, they appeared to have never been to school. Their speech was unrefined. They appeared to wobble on the axle. They were certainly not candidates for public office. They were not management material. No university would recruit them to be students. They were rough around the edges. Their hair may not have been combed. Their clothes may have been soiled.

Bold

They were viewed as *bold* by the council. Perhaps dirty, but bold. Perhaps unrefined speech, but bold. What made them bold? They stood eye-to-eye and toe-to-toe with the dignitaries and never flinched, never batted an eye. What made them bold?

Marveled

Those present in this hearing *marveled* at the disciples. They looked the disciples over and stood amazed at what they saw. How could this be? Tattered and torn and weary from the journey. Stammering speech. Unkept appearance. Yet, knowledgeable, trained officials and dignitaries were mesmerized at what when they looked upon these disciples of Christ.

Christ was gone

At the time of Acts 4, Christ has been gone from the earth. He ascended to heaven in Acts 1. He was not in the room with them. He

was at the right hand on the father. I believe we could all walk with Christ if he were physically by our side on this earth. But, he is not present. He has been gone for months. They never had a cross around their neck. They never had a Bible in their hand. They had no Jesus fish on their car. They have never sung a song from the red-back hymnal.

They had a label

...they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Ye are the salt of the earth. Take out a box of salt and check the label.

* The label bears the brand name

Morton. I have a brand. If you have a label, if you walk with God, you have a brand.

I'd love to be called a- one of the redeemed. Son of God. The greatest brand name of all times and still today CHRISTIAN. 1Pet 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

Devil's crowd makes up names for those who walk with Jesus: old fogeys, Bible-thumpers, antiques, dogmatic.

* The label tells where it was made

Made in the USA. I was made on Golgotha's Hill just outside Jerusalem. Blood

* The label tells the ingredients in the substance in the box.

Salt, calcium silicate, dextrose and potassium iodide.

Eph 3:19 *And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

- Eph 5:18 *And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

In Acts 2:4 *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost...*

- I Jn 1:4 *And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.*

- I Pet 1:8 *Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:*

- Phil 1:11 *Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*

I have no hate in my heart toward any man. I have been treated awful by some in life. I hate no one. I can shake the hand of any man on this planet.

* The label tells what is useful for

“This salt supplies iodide, a necessary nutrient.”

An **iodine deficiency** can cause uncomfortable and even severe symptoms. They include swelling in the neck, pregnancy-related issues, weight gain and learning difficulties. Its symptoms are very similar to those of hypothyroidism, or **low** thyroid hormones.

- When God saved you, he could have called you home to heaven instantly. He did not. He left you here for a purpose.

Mt 5:13 *Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*

The street you live on is a better place because you live on it. The production line where you work is better because there is some salt there. The school you attend is a better school because you are enrolled in that school.

The world needs you!

* The label gives the expiration date

THE IS NO DATE ON SALT. Salt does not expire.

To be absent from this body is to be present with the LORD. I stand for the doctrine of eternal life, eternal salvation.

