



NO MATTER WHAT

I Will Stand Jesus!

Acts 5:25-42

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There are many instances in history, and legend, where lines have been drawn in the sand to separate one group of people from another calling on them to stand on one side or the other.

In the Old Testament, Joshua drew a line in the sand when he said, "Choose this day, whom you will serve..." Joshua 24::15)

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters." (Matthew 6:24)

Acts 5 records an example of some who chose to **Stand For Jesus... No Matter What!**

We are headed to Heaven because of the stand for Jesus so many others have taken. Now, God wants **us** to stand for Jesus as well! Our text tells us **HOW WE CAN**, and **WHY WE MUST**.

WE CAN...

1 If we have the same _____ . (29)

2 If we have the same _____ . (30-32)

3 If we have the same _____ . (34-39)

A closer look at verses 33-40.

At this point the disciples found an unexpected ally in Gamaliel. On the surface, his advice sounds good, but it is not. It has **four** faults:

First, he classified Jesus as just another _____ - _____.

Secondly, he assumed that history always _____ itself.

Thirdly, he had the mistaken idea that if something was not of God, it *always* _____.

Fourth, he assumed that it is possible to be _____ about Jesus and his message. But it is not!"

WHY...

1 Because we are in the same _____.

2 Because we are _____ to do so.

CONCLUSION:

Where would we be today if the apostles and countless other Christians through the ages, had not said and done the right thing? Where would we be if they had refused to **Stand for Jesus, No Matter What?**

Now this sobering question: where will your children, classmates, your friends, neighbors and co-workers be, if **we** do not **Stand for Jesus, No Matter What?** It really is a matter of life and death for all eternity.

TAKE AWAY:

_____ up for Jesus... and never _____ up... No Matter What!