

# FIRED UP CONVERSATIONS

## Study Guide

Winter 2012 Sermon/Study Series

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## *“No Other Name?”*

Week #4

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Next week: February 4/5: *“The Problem with Labels”*

**Scripture References**  
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Read and reflect on the following scriptures.

**Romans 10:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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**Acts 4:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>

Jesus is

“the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.’

<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name given under heaven by which we must be saved.”

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### Scripture

1. Read Romans 10:9-13
2. What does a Jew, Roman or anyone need to do to be saved according to Paul?
3. Why is it so essential to believe God raised Jesus from the dead? How does 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 inform us more fully on Paul’s thinking (as inspired by the Holy Spirit)?
4. The Romans called Caesar “Lord” which meant *ruler or master* – one with authority and control. Paul uses the same Greek word (*kyrios*) to refer to “Jesus as Lord”. What implications would this have had for Roman believers of Paul’s day? What implications does it have for you? What about those practicing other religions?
5. Read Acts 4:8-12
6. The Sanhedrin comprised the council of Jewish religious leaders made up of both Pharisees and Sadducees (who, by the way, had a big influence in the crucifixion of Jesus). What two important facts about Jesus did Peter (filled with the Holy Spirit) emphasize to them (introduced by the words “you” and “God”)?
7. How did Peter magnify Jesus by the words of 4:11-12?

### Sermon

1. In your own words, how would you describe the difference between “having a personal/saving relationship with Jesus Christ” and a “religion”?
2. Pastor Bruce said, “Ready to go radical? Christians can dialogue respectfully with Hindus, Jews or Muslims and not deny the exclusive salvation available through Jesus. Discussing religion is not the same as talking about Jesus.”

Q: Do you feel like you could “respectfully” have that kind of conversation? What sort of knowledge and attitude would you need?

3. The example was shared of Peter moving from an “exclusive” to an “inclusive” understanding of salvation in Christ for both Jews and Gentiles (non-Jews) –see Acts 10:39-48.

Q: Does that mean everyone eventually goes to heaven, no matter the religion they practice? If not, how does Peter’s example help us dialogue with those from other faiths?

### **Life Application**

1. Have you ever had a spiritual conversation with a Jew, Mormon, Muslim, Jehovah’s Witness, Buddhist or someone practicing another faith? How would you characterize your conversation: friendly, informative, respectful, tense, stressful, defensive, confusing, other?
2. Think of one practical attitude or action you could take to improve your conversations with those who might not believe or practice faith in Christ as you do.

### **Prayer**

Thank God for your salvation in Christ Jesus and pray He would give you opportunities to share the difference Jesus has made in your life with others.