They Had Been With Jesus

Scripture: Acts 4:10-13

Introduction

Here are two ordinary, not well educated men. They have nothing to commend themselves to the world. They have no claim to fame, success, or prosperity. They deal in the miraculous: they create life changes. The only thing that sets them apart from others is this: they had been with Jesus.

I. The places they had been with Jesus

<u>Matthew 16:24 KJV</u> Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

- A. Gathsemane -- the place of submission
- B. Calvary -- the place of crucifixion
- C. The Garden Tomb -- the place of resurrection
- D. The Upper Room -- the place of power

II. The purpose of being with Jesus

<u>**1** Peter 2:21 KJV</u> For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.

- A. To witness his love and power
- B. To experience his compassion
- C. To learn and model his ways

III. The product of being with Jesus

<u>Acts 4:13 NIV</u> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

A. Their lives were changed

- B. They had a new future
- C. They were commissioned to a different life and work