

# Speak the Name of Jesus

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Have you ever noticed how quickly things change when someone mentions the name of Jesus? I was recently watching an athlete being interviewed after making the big play that won the game for his team. The interviewer was in control of the interview right up until the athlete answered one of the questions by giving glory to his Lord and his Savior, Jesus Christ. At that point, the interviewer became flustered and honestly, she struggled just to conclude the interview and flip it back to the commentators in the booth. You see, no matter what the situation or the circumstance, if you want to stir things up, just find a way to mention the name above all names and throw out that powerful name of Jesus Christ.

As believers, that's exactly what we should be looking for every opportunity to do, unfettered by the response that it might receive. In Romans 1:16, the Apostle Paul, boldly told the world:

I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

ROMANS 1:16

Then and now, that message, and more specifically, that name is more often socially unacceptable than it is socially acceptable, and yet we should be quick to say and to proclaim the name of Jesus in every situation and every circumstance. I can't find anything in scripture that instructs us to be cautious about when or who we should witness to. I can't find anything that says we should always wait for the exact right moment before we try to share with someone about Christ. The reality is, our calling is to share the Good News with everyone everywhere, and often that begins by speaking the name of Jesus. As Paul writes, we should never be ashamed or even hesitant to speak His name, or to pray in His name because His name lets others know where we stand. We should speak out and speak up, telling others what He's done for us and how He's changed our lives. Easter is all about Jesus. Let's make a commitment to say His powerful name often no matter what the response might be.