

# RESURRECTION WEEKEND

## 4.20.14

# STUDY GUIDE

### [WARM-UP]

What are some names, that if spoken or read, stir up various emotions in you? Both good and bad emotions and associations?

When people hear the name Jesus Christ, what are the various emotional responses that you have typically seen in others? What thoughts, emotions or associations happen in you when you hear the name of Jesus?

### [DIGGING DEEPER]

We've just finished a 10 week series on the names of God (feel free to log in at [cvconline.org](http://cvconline.org) to watch or listen to ones you missed). We covered several, but not all, of the names in Scripture that God has revealed Himself by and that give us greater understanding of His character and connection to His heart. Jesus Christ is another name of God. It reveals His saving and redeeming character.

Read Philippians 2:9-11. Why is the name of Jesus so significant to mankind? What good things have happened in the name of Jesus? What bad things have happened in the name of Jesus? How does even His name being taken in vain reflect the great significance of His name? How is it possible that every knee will bow and every tongue confesses Jesus as Lord when so many reject Jesus as Lord or don't currently know Jesus?

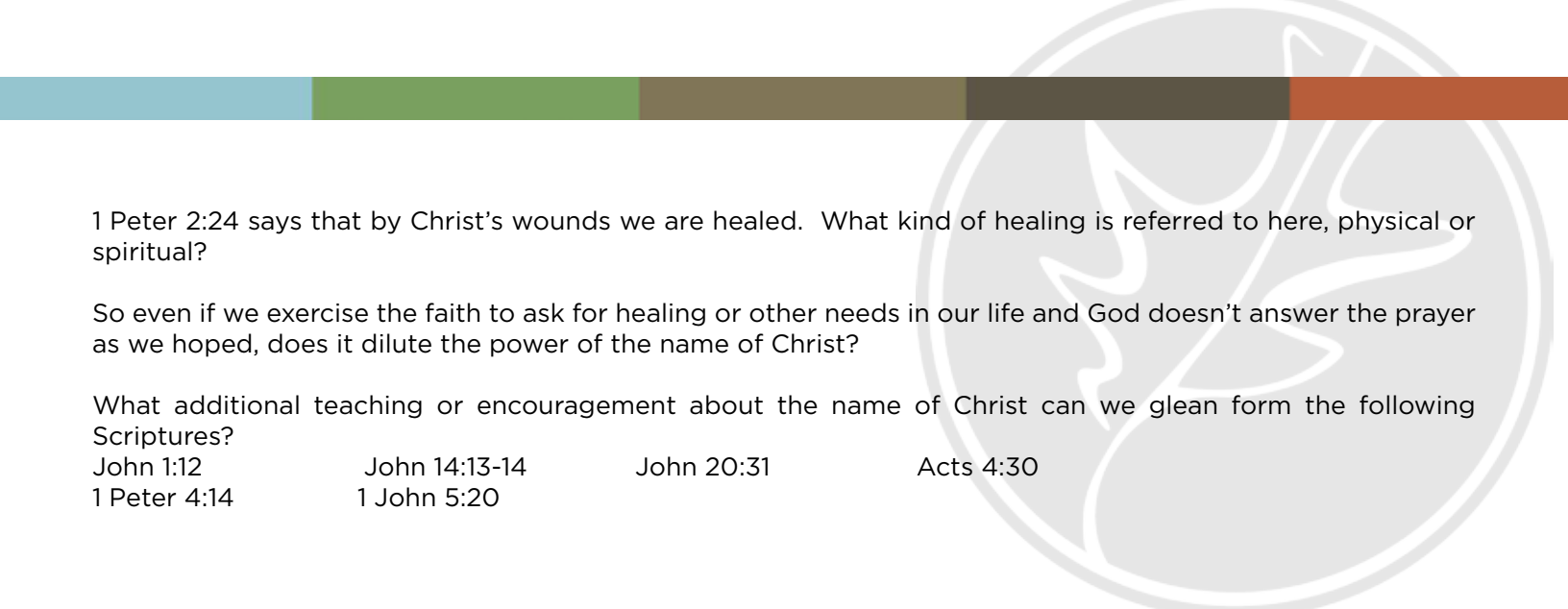
This last weekend the teaching was out of Acts 3 and 4. A series of events unfold including the first healing recorded since the resurrection of Christ, the first arrest and persecution of Christians recorded since the resurrection of Christ and thousands of people believing in Christ and being saved. Re-read Acts 3:1-4:22 and pay attention to how many times the name of Jesus is mentioned or referred to. What can we learn about the power of the name of Jesus Christ from these Scriptures?

One aspect that can be troubling from discussing this account is that not all prayers for healing go as "successful" as this man's. Have you prayed for someone to be healed? Were they healed?

Jesus tells us in John 14:12-14 to ask for anything in His name and He will do it. So why have some people been prayed over for healing but it doesn't happen? How does our understanding of Physical healing, spiritual healing, earthly life and body, heavenly life and body and trust in God's sovereignty play a huge role as we pray for healing?

We cannot command God to heal, but we can ask Him to. We can believe Him to, but we cannot require Him to. We see godly men and those around godly men who were sick that were not healed. What does that tell us? (2 Cor. 12:7-10; Phil. 2:25-30; 1 Tim. 5:23; 2 Tim. 4:20)

Was the primary ministry of Jesus to heal sick people? (Luke 19:10)



1 Peter 2:24 says that by Christ's wounds we are healed. What kind of healing is referred to here, physical or spiritual?

So even if we exercise the faith to ask for healing or other needs in our life and God doesn't answer the prayer as we hoped, does it dilute the power of the name of Christ?

What additional teaching or encouragement about the name of Christ can we glean from the following Scriptures?

John 1:12

John 14:13-14

John 20:31

Acts 4:30

1 Peter 4:14

1 John 5:20

## [LIVING IT OUT]

What one particular conviction or motivation rose up in your spirit as you interacted with the Acts 3 & 4 passage? What is a practical way you intend to act upon that conviction?

How will you allow your prayer life to grow based on what you studied today? How can you and will you pray differently than perhaps you prayed before this time? What about specifically praying for healing (physical, emotional, spiritual, relational, etc) in the lives of others?

I encourage you to close this time with a time of bold prayer in the mighty name of Jesus. Whether alone, with a few friends or in a LifeGroup, lay out some bold prayer requests, perhaps even from those in your group, or for your neighbors, or for those who you hope come to the saving belief in Christ.