

What You Have Seen and Heard

Peter and John

Acts 4:18-20

Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. **19** But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! **20** As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

Shepherds

Luke 2:20

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had **heard** and **seen**, which were just as they had been told.

John’s disciples

Luke 7:22

So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have **seen** and **heard**: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Disciples Fourth Time

Why the need to tell what you have seen and heard?

The greatest desire of Satan is that people would not believe.

Matthew 28: 11-15

While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. **12** When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, **13** telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole

him away while we were asleep.’ **14** If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” **15** So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

They will deny, they will lie, they will tell half-truths. Satan will give you anything to keep you distracted and lost.

Why tell what you have seen and heard?

Matthew 28: 16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. **17** When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. **18** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. **19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

All authority has been given to Jesus in heaven and earth to help you do one thing.

Honor God as creator sustainer and author of our faith.

We have one promise: I am with you always.

To Paul

Acts 22:14-16

14 “Then he said: ‘The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. **15** You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. **16** And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.’