

Effective witnessing...

- Is not about **ME**.
- Is all about **JESUS**.
- Includes **KNOWING** your listeners background and belief system (when possible).
- Means **SHARING** what you know about Jesus.
- Involves **INVITING** people to believe.

1. Proclaiming the gospel will _____ opposition.

(Acts 4:1-3)

- Jewish _____ oppose the apostles teaching.
- The opposition _____ upon resurrection.

How should we feel or react, when facing opposition to the gospel? (cf. Matthew 5:10-12)

2. Opposition does not _____ the gospel's progress.

(Acts 4:4) **But many of those who had heard the word believed**, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

What do these results, in the face of opposition, reveal about sharing Jesus with others? (cf. Mt. 16:18, Acts 28:31)

3. God will give _____ when responding to opposition.

(Acts 4:5-12, cf. Luke 12:11-12)

- You rejected him but he is the _____.
 (cf. 1 Peter 2:4-8, Psalm 118:22, Ephesians 2:19-22)
- You rejected him but he is our _____.
 (cf. 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 4:14, 1 John 5:10)

4. The opposition _____.

(Acts 4:13-22)

- The opposition's **response**... “Cease and desist!”
 (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:22-26)
- The apostle's **response**... “Obedience pulls rank!”
 (cf. 1 Peter 2:13-17, 1 Peter 2:23-25)