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**Heart to Heart**

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## THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that **they had been with Jesus.** (Acts 4:13).

I amazed to read this portion of Scripture and noticed carefully that meditated on the phrase, "THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS." In the third chapter of Acts of the Apostles Peter and John performed miracle of born lame man in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And for that good deed they were arrested by the authorities of Jewish people and were questioned. Peter was filled with the Holy Ghost and gave a most effective sermon. I believe all the authorities of Jewish people marveled to listen to the sermon of Peter and they proclaimed, ".....that they had been with Jesus."

I am sure that all the Pharisees and Sadducees, Scribes and other religious leaders must be knowing who really Jesus was. Some of them realized that Jesus was not ordinary human being. See what Nicodemus, a Pharisee, the master of Israel, told to Jesus, "Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." (John 3:2)

In today`s time it is most important that the world knows about Jesus Christ of Nazareth. And this world will never know who Jesus really is if we do not open our mouth boldly and show by our sacrificial life. It is not only important to see that "Immanuel, God is with us" but it is most important to see that "are we with Jesus?" This world will only know that "IMMANUEL, GOD IS WITH US" when they will see and realize that "YOU ARE WITH JESUS."

Being born again Christian is not enough but being with Jesus by having obedient life-style and walking according to His Word, being led by the Holy Spirit is the effective way for this world to know that "you have been with Jesus!" It is very sad to know and see that most of us are not living the life-style of Paul the apostle, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20). "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." (Matthew 16:24).

The need of the hour is that we must get rid of **the form of godliness**, "Having form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (II Timothy 3:5) and **we must put on Christ**, "But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." (Romans 13:14).

May our good Lord bless you richly! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily. Please write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember **Jesus is the Lord**, and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions.

(Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

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