

## Why Do The Nations Rage?

### Part 1

(Acts 4:23-29)

*“And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them (verses 18-22) so when they heard that (!), **they raised their voice to God with one accord and said**, ‘Lord, you are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them, who by the mouth of your servant David have said:*

***Why do the nations rage,  
And the people plot vain things?  
The kings of the earth took their stand,  
And the rulers were gathered together  
Against the Lord and against His Christ.***  
{Psalm 2:1-2}

*For truly against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the people of Israel, were gathered together..now grant your servants that **with all boldness they may speak Your word.**”*

“Never can true reconciliation grow where wounds of deadly hate have pierced so deep.”

- Quoted from **Paradise Lost, Book IV** by John Milton published in 1667 in **Common Sense** by Thomas Paine published in 1776.

A. What can we learn from these very first Christians?

1. They were **threatened** and told it is politically incorrect to **speak** the name of Jesus.
2. They raised their voice and **prayed** with one accord.
3. They said that God is the Creator. They said that David said the nations rage because their rulers lined up together **against** Jesus Christ.
4. They asked God for **boldness** to speak His word.