

**Will You Stand Up For Jesus?
#SermonStand
Palm Sunday
Dr. Mark Jackson, March 25, 2018**

2 Corinthians 13:8 Our responsibility is never to oppose the truth, but to stand for the truth at all times. (NLT)

Why I Need To Stand Up For Jesus

1. BECAUSE IT IS A VICTORY OVER FEAR

Hebrews 12:12 Now stand up straight! Stop your knees from shaking. (CEV)

1 Corinthians 16:13 Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous. Be strong. (NLT)

Acts 4:29 Lord, listen to their threats. Lord, help us, your servants, to speak your word without fear. (NCV)

2. BECAUSE IT BUILDS STRENGTH AND CHARACTER

2 Timothy 1:8 Never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord... With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News. (NLT)

Habakkuk 3:19 The LORD gives me strength. He makes my feet as sure as those of a deer, and he helps me stand on the mountains. (CEV)

3. BECAUSE IT ENCOURAGES BELIEVERS

Philippians 1:14 And because of my imprisonment, many of the Christians here seem to have lost their fear of chains! Somehow my patience has encouraged them, and they have become more and more bold in telling others about Christ. (LB)

4. BECAUSE IT IS AN EXAMPLE FOR UNBELIEVERS

Acts 4:13 The officials were amazed to see how brave Peter and John were, and they knew that these two apostles were only ordinary men who had been with Jesus. (CEV)

Acts 7:54-60 As the members of the Council listened to Stephen, they became furious and ground their teeth at him in anger. ⁵⁵ But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up

to heaven and saw God's glory and Jesus standing at the right side of God. ⁵⁶ "Look!" he said. "I see heaven opened and the Son of Man standing at the right side of God!" ⁵⁷ With a loud cry the Council members covered their ears with their hands. Then they all rushed at him at once, ⁵⁸ threw him out of the city, and stoned him. The witnesses left their cloaks in the care of **a young man named Saul**. ⁵⁹ They kept on stoning Stephen as he called out to the Lord, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" ⁶⁰ He knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord! Do not remember this sin against them!" He said this and died. (TEV)

5. BECAUSE IT WILL BE REWARDED

Hebrews 10:35 Keep on being **brave!** It will bring you **great rewards**. (CEV)

Matthew 5:11-12 **God will bless you** when people insult you, mistreat you, and tell all kinds of evil lies about you **because of me**. ¹² Be happy and excited! You will have **a great reward in heaven**... (CEV)

Matthew 10:32 **Stand up for me** against world opinion and **I'll stand up for you** before my Father in heaven. (MSG)

How Do I Stand Up For Jesus?

Psalms 119:41-42, 45-46 Let your love, GOD, **shape my life with salvation**... ⁴² Then I'll be able to **stand up to mockery** because I **trusted your Word**. ⁴⁵ ...as I look for your truth and your wisdom; ⁴⁶ Then **I'll tell the world** what I find, **speak out boldly in public**, unembarrassed. (MSG)

1 Corinthians 11:28-29 A man ought to **examine himself** before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without **recognizing the body of the Lord** eats and drinks judgment on himself. (NIV)