

(clip) Polycarp Testifying That Jesus Is Lord

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Scripture: Revelation 2:10, Matthew 10:33, Philippians 1:21, Hebrews 13:6

Topics: "Faithfulness in Persecution", "The Cost of Discipleship"

Description

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Transcript

I've heard that in the second century there was one of the disciples of the Apostle John, who was the elder brother in the Church of Smyrna. His name was Polycarp. He was converted when he was four years old and he spent many years with the Apostle John.

And when he was about 90 years old, the Roman people who ruled the country sent to capture him because he refused to bow down to Caesar and refused to say that Caesar is Lord and was bringing people to Christ. And they went to capture him. And he was so gracious and nice to the people who came to capture him, they felt almost ashamed to capture this old white-haired man, white-bearded man.

And they said, sorry, we've got to do it. We don't feel like doing it, but we've got to take you because our boss told you to. And they brought him before the ruler, the Roman ruler, and he said, listen, I don't want to kill you.

Just say Caesar is Lord and deny Christ and I'll let you go. Just say the words. Just say the words.

It's enough. You can live as you like. You know his testimony was, 86 years I have served my Savior and he has only done me good.

How can I deny him? You can do what you like. Jesus Christ is Lord. They burnt him.

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