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# ACTS

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# No Other Name

Acts 4:1-22




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*“The greatest enemy to human souls is the self-righteous spirit which makes men look to themselves for salvation.”*

Charles Spurgeon


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Acts 4:1 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them,

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2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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# PHARISEES

Law

Interpretations of the Torah

Middle Class

Resurrection of the Dead

Belief in Afterlife

Rejected the Jewish Leaders

# SADDUCEES

Temple

Torah Alone

Upper Class

No Resurrection

No Afterlife

Supported Jewish Leaders






3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

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4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

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## The Event 1-4

- Miracle drew a crowd
- Peter & John preached resurrection
- Sadducees forced arrest
- Word still went out – 5000+



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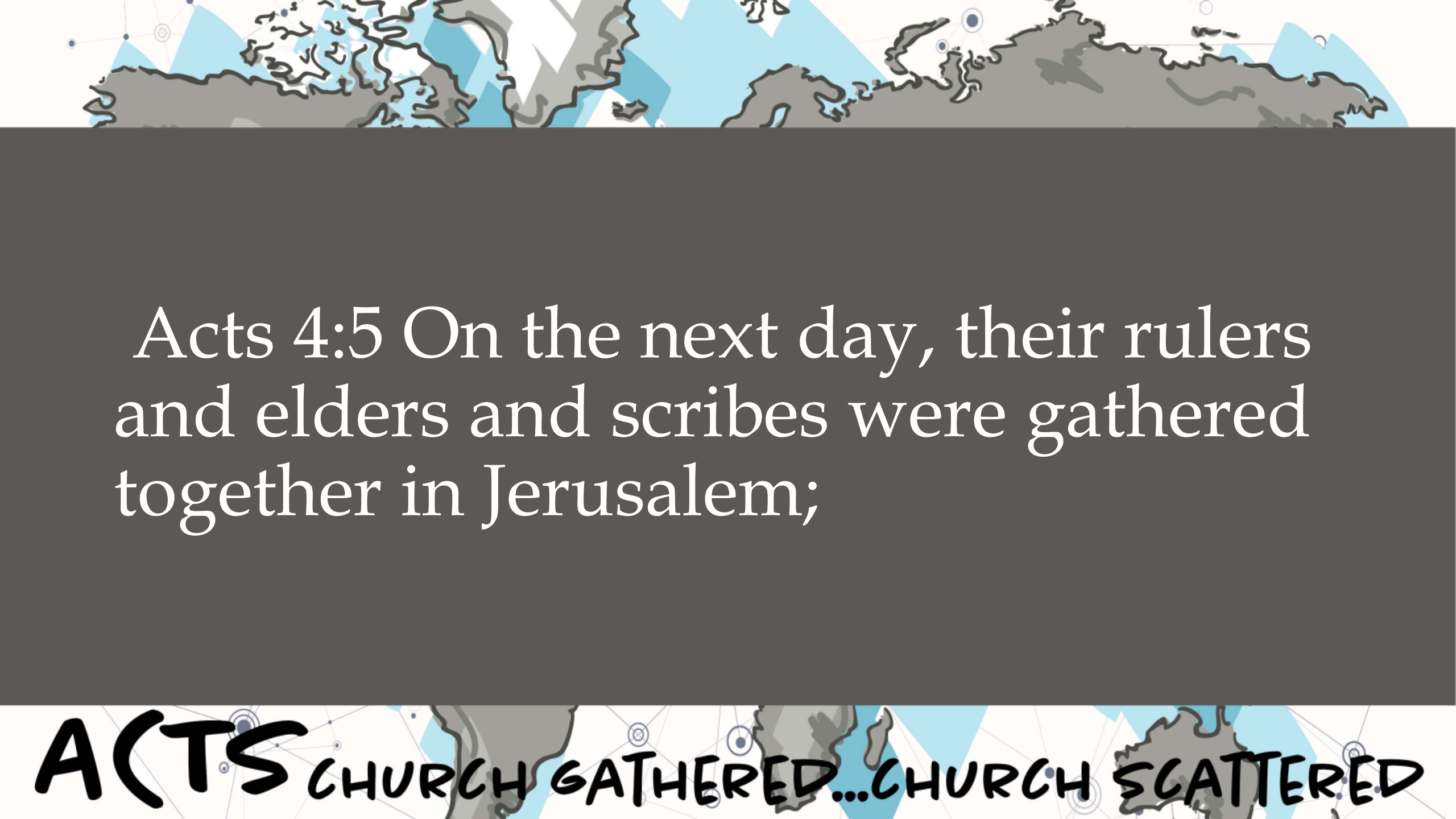


*“Saving us is the greatest and most concrete demonstration of God's love, the definitive display of His grace throughout time and eternity.”*

David Jeremiah

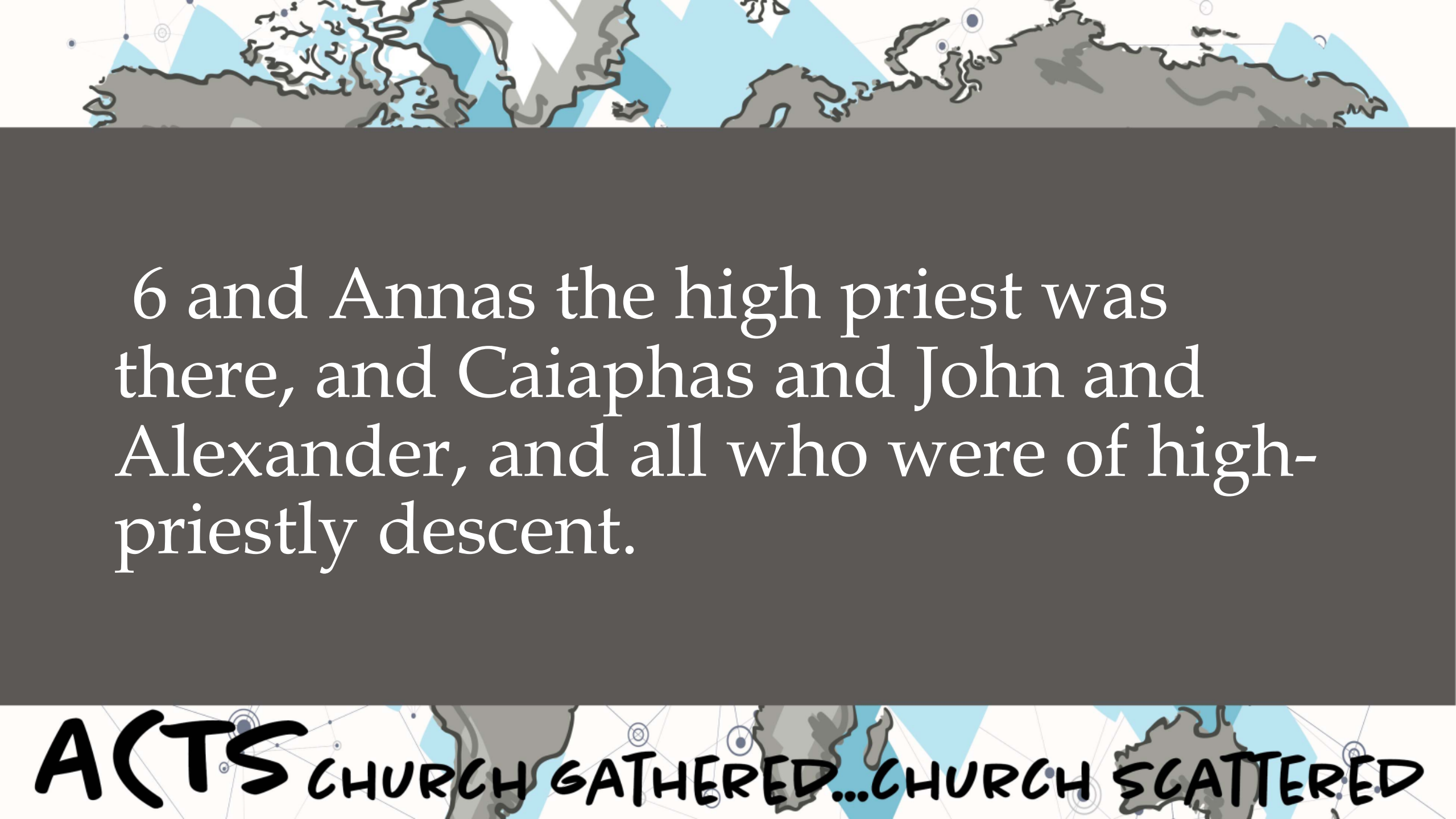


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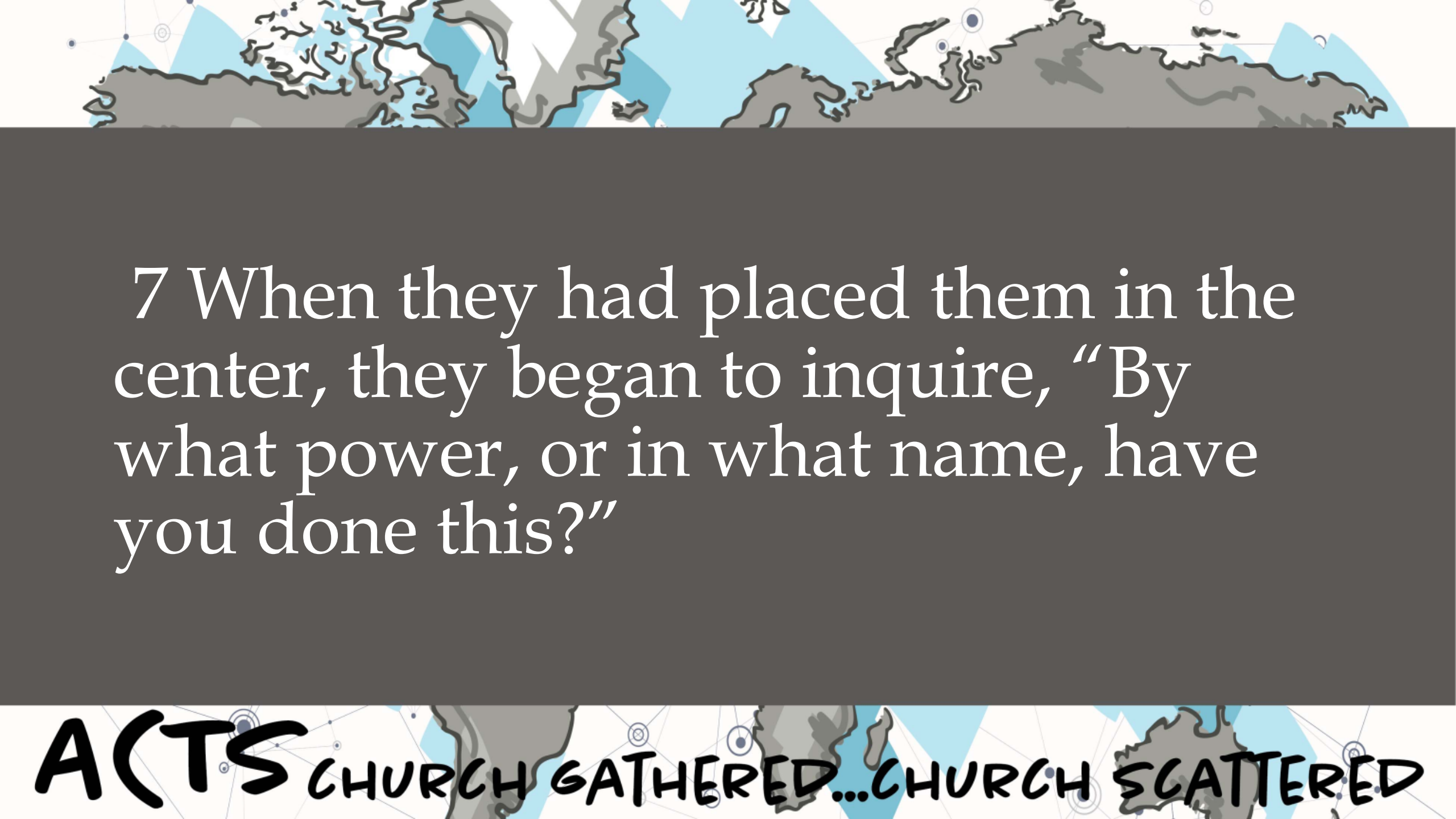
Acts 4:5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

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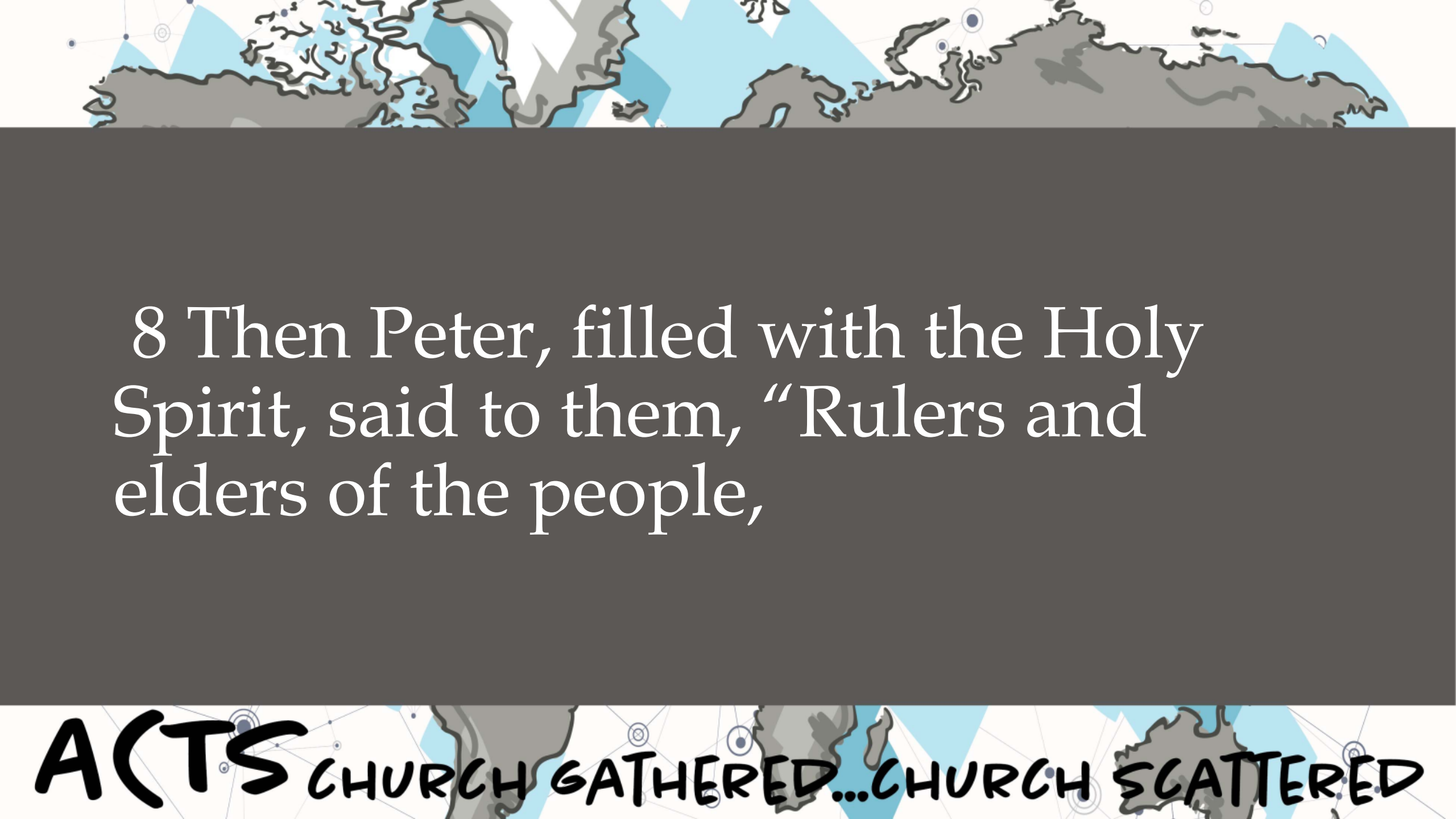
6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

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7 When they had placed them in the center, they began to inquire, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”

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8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people,


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9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,

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10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by this name this man stands here before you in good health.

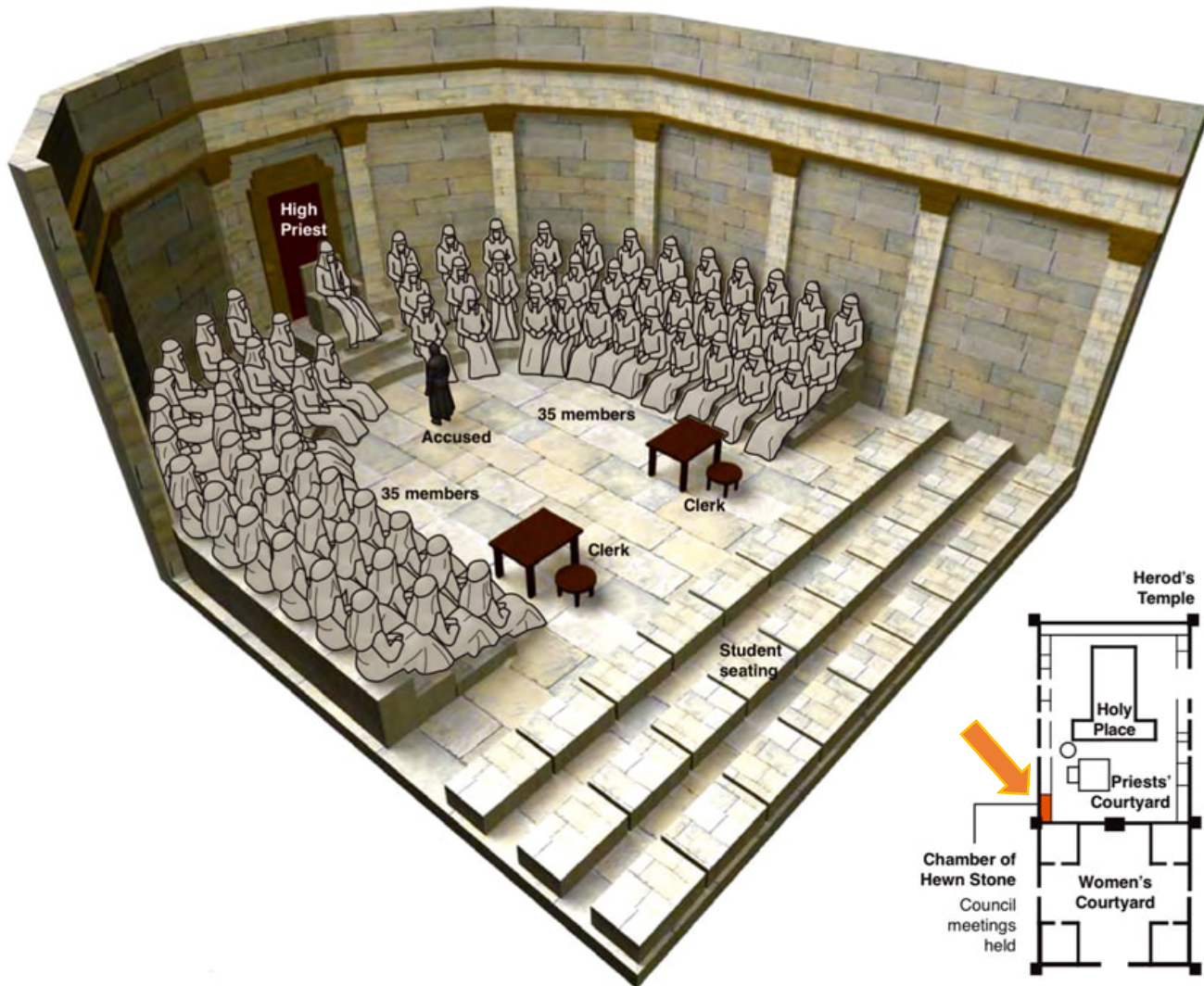
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# THE SANHEDRIN

The Jewish high court consisted of 71 men and was led by the high priest. The Sanhedrin council could decide almost any fate of its people—except the death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The courtroom of the Sanhedrin was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside the Temple.

Met in Jerusalem  
driven out in 70<sub>AD</sub>.  
Fled to Jamnia  
then Usha then to  
Bet Shearim, later  
at Sepphoris and  
finally to Tiberias.






# Their Envy 5-10

- Sanhedrin – both Pharisees & Sadducees
- Annas & Caiaphas
- ‘by what power or name’
- Holy Spirit –
- On trial for good?



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*“Since no man is excluded from calling upon God the gate of salvation is open to all. There is nothing else to hinder us from entering, but our own unbelief.”*

John Calvin



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Acts 4:11 He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, but **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER** stone.



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## Psalm 118

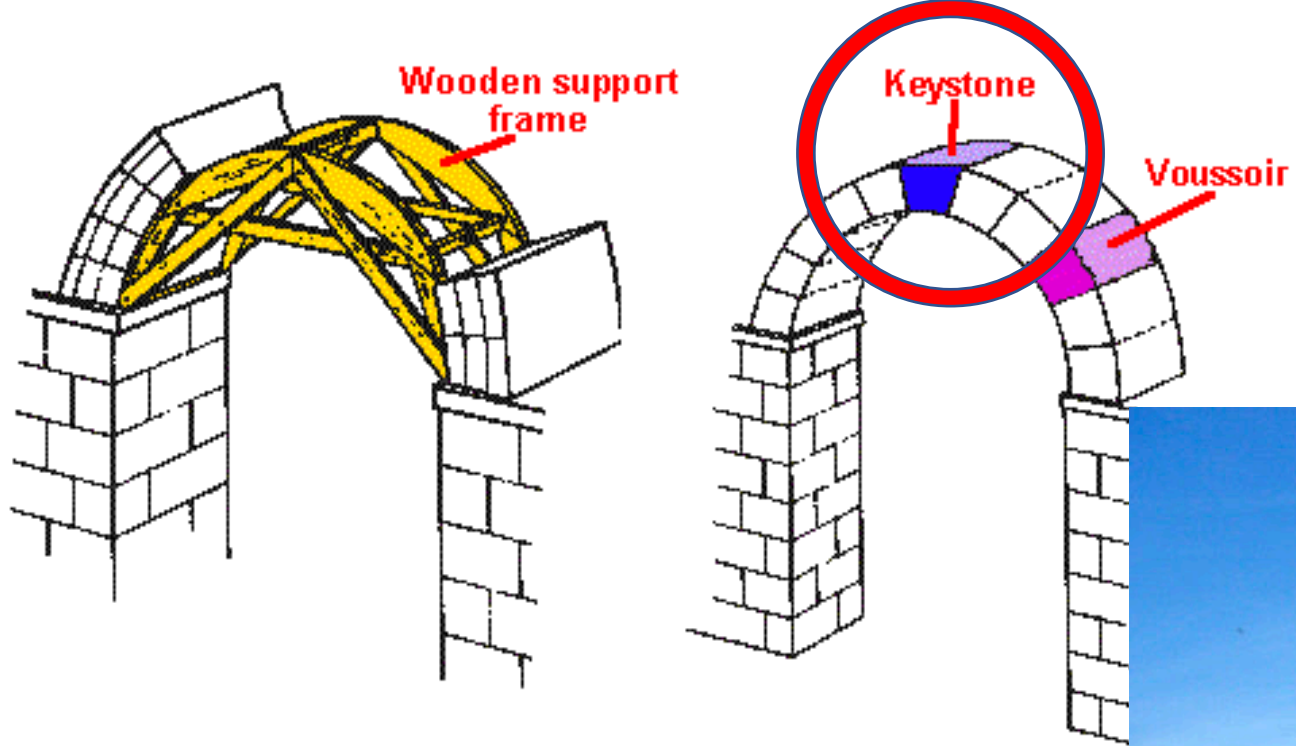
22 The stone the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The Lord has done it this very day;  
let us rejoice today and be glad.



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↑ Arch Construction

Aqueduct: →  
Caesarea Maritima







12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”


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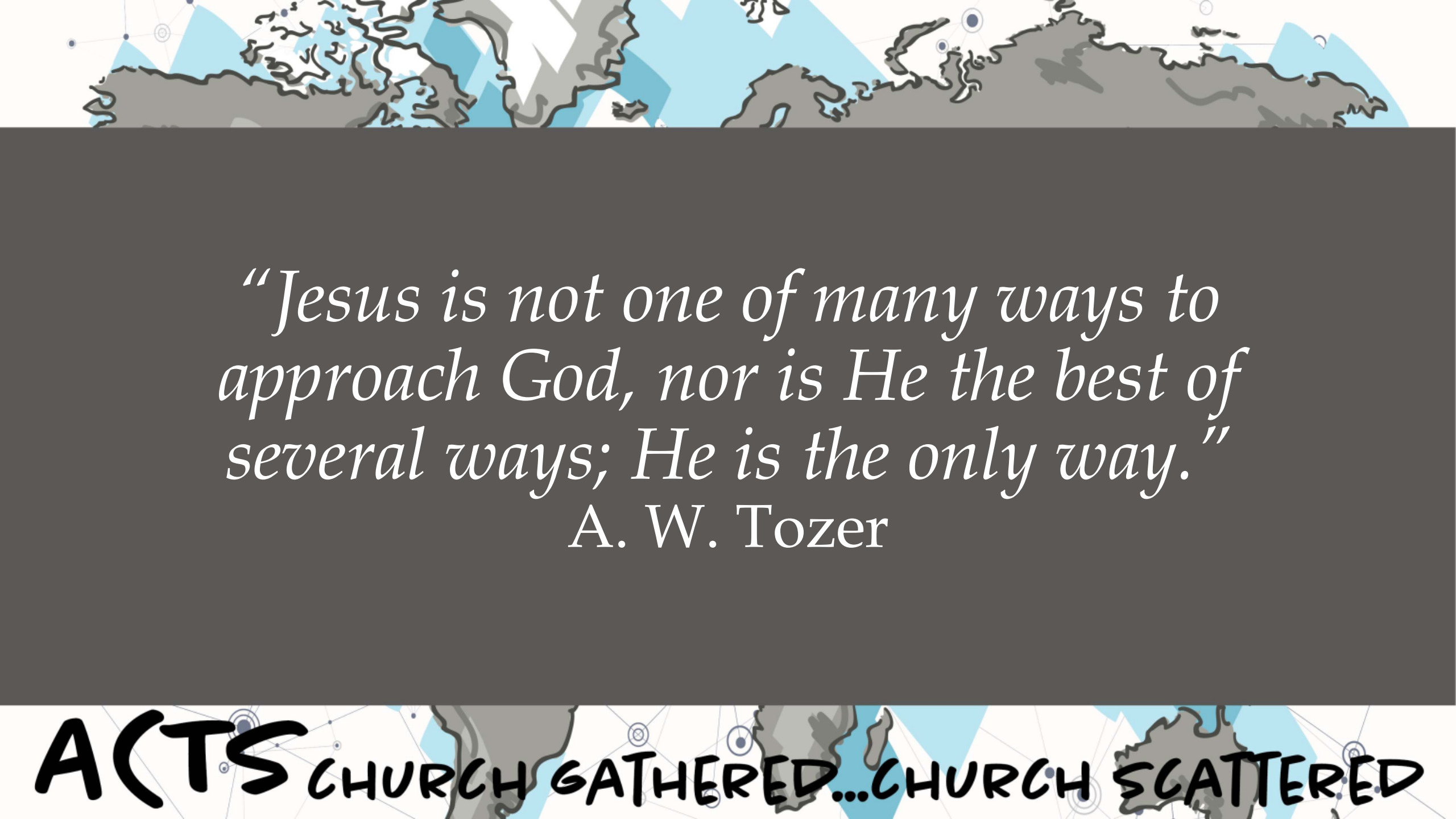


# He is Exclusive! 11,12

- Psalm 118 quote
- No other name!
- *“Christ is a substitute for everything, but nothing is a substitute for Christ.”* Harry Ironside

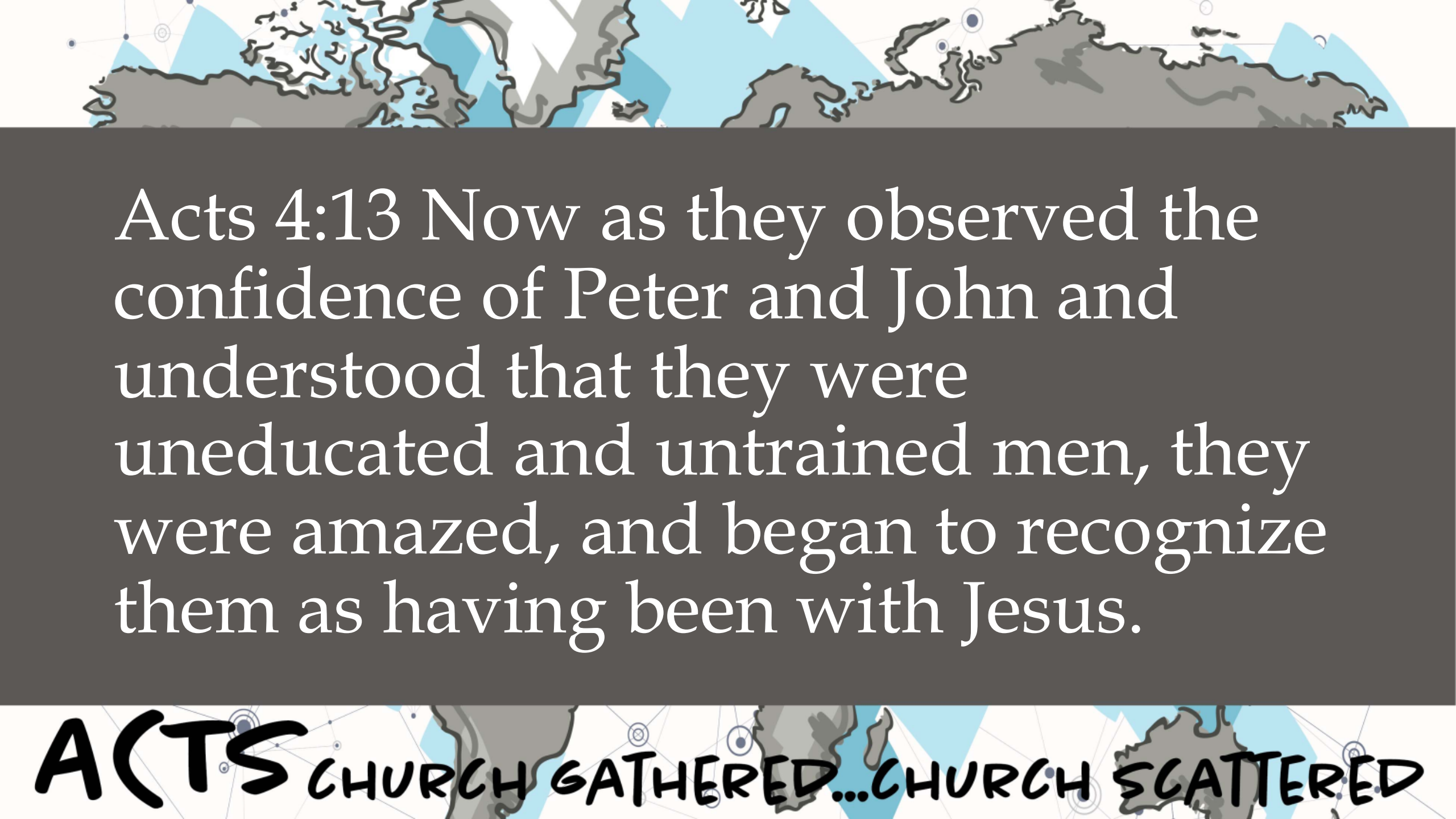


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*“Jesus is not one of many ways to approach God, nor is He the best of several ways; He is the only way.”*  
A. W. Tozer

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Acts 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

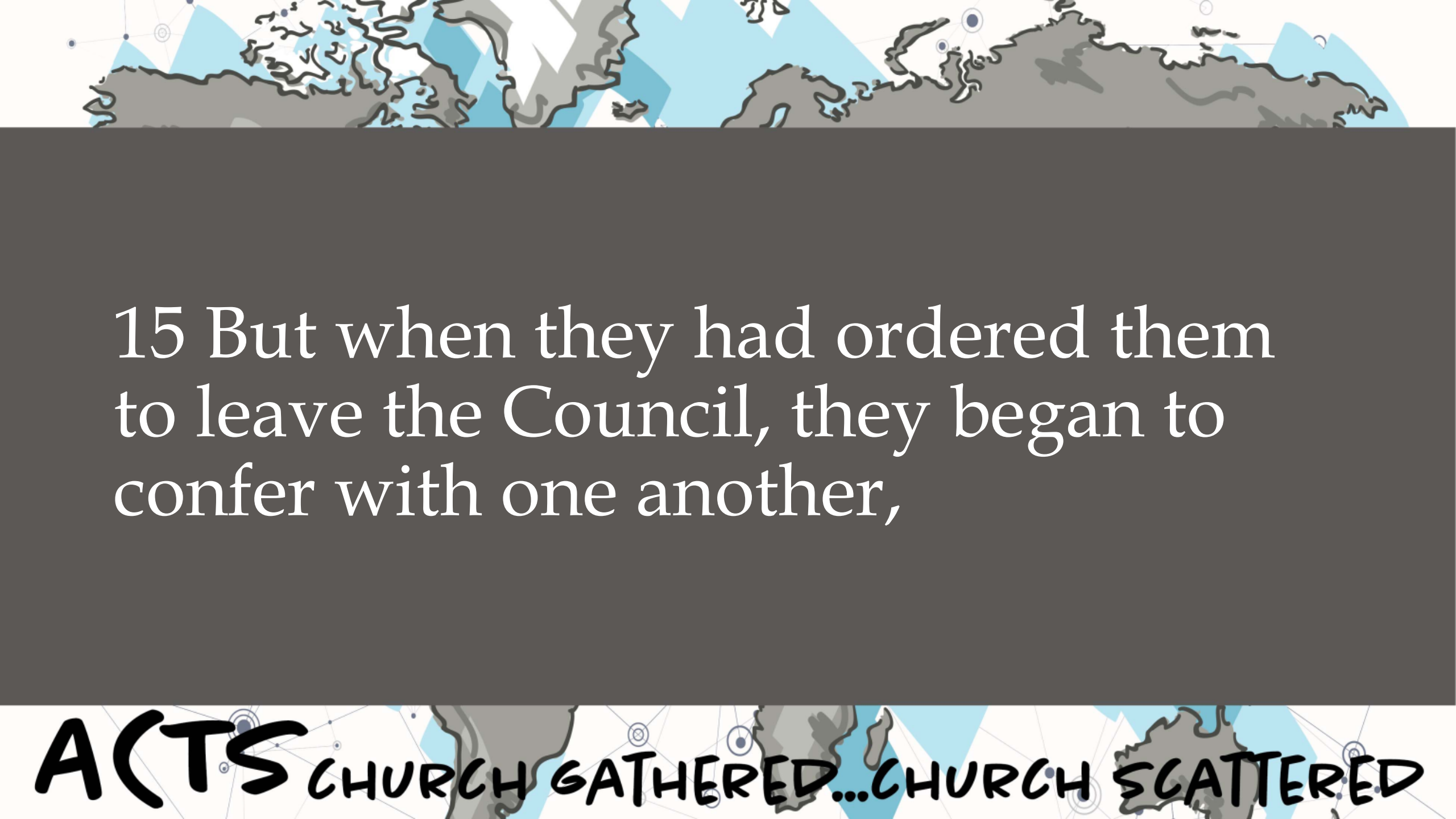
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14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.


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15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one another,

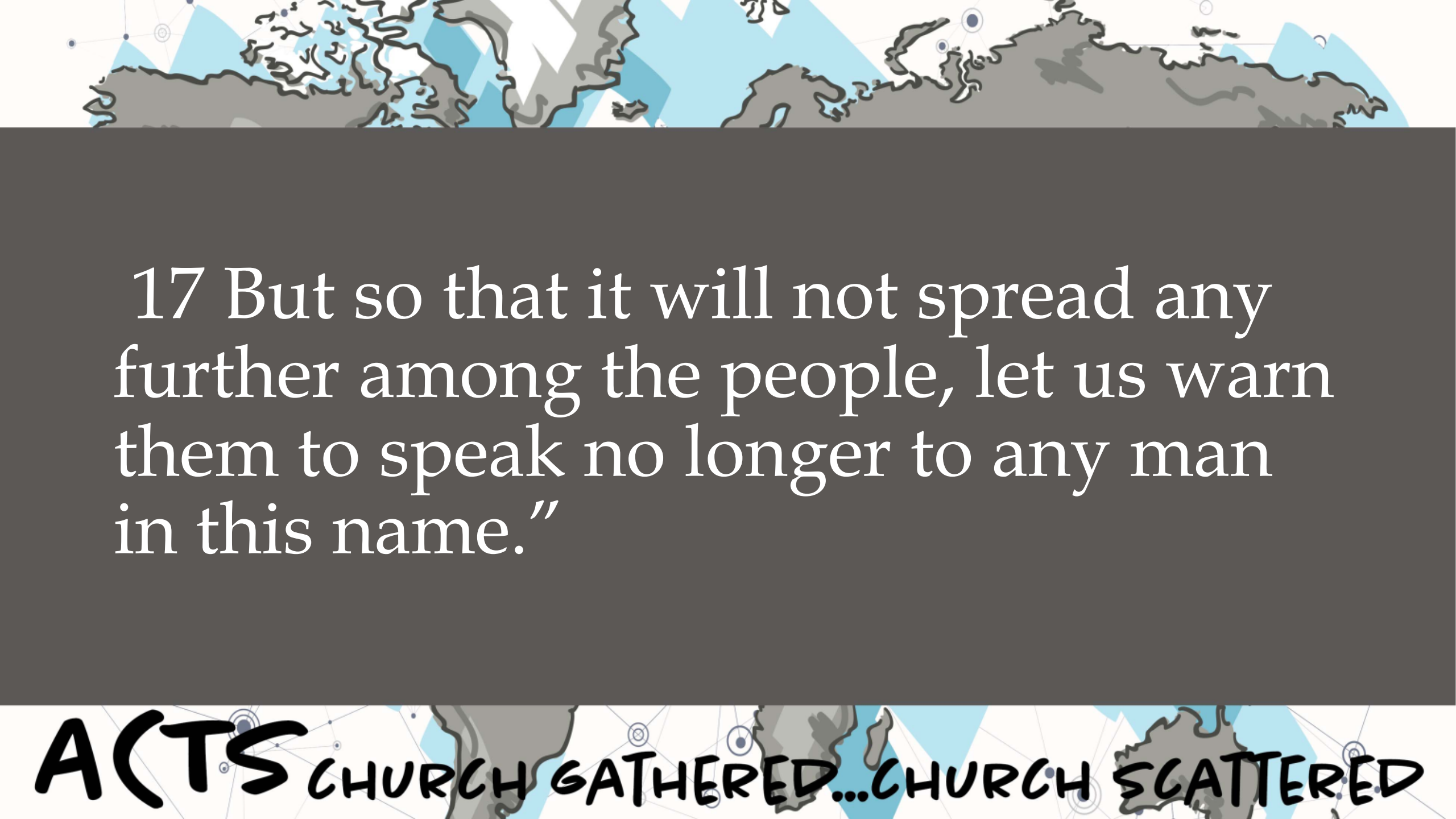
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16 saying, “What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.


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17 But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no longer to any man in this name.”


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18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

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19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

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20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.”


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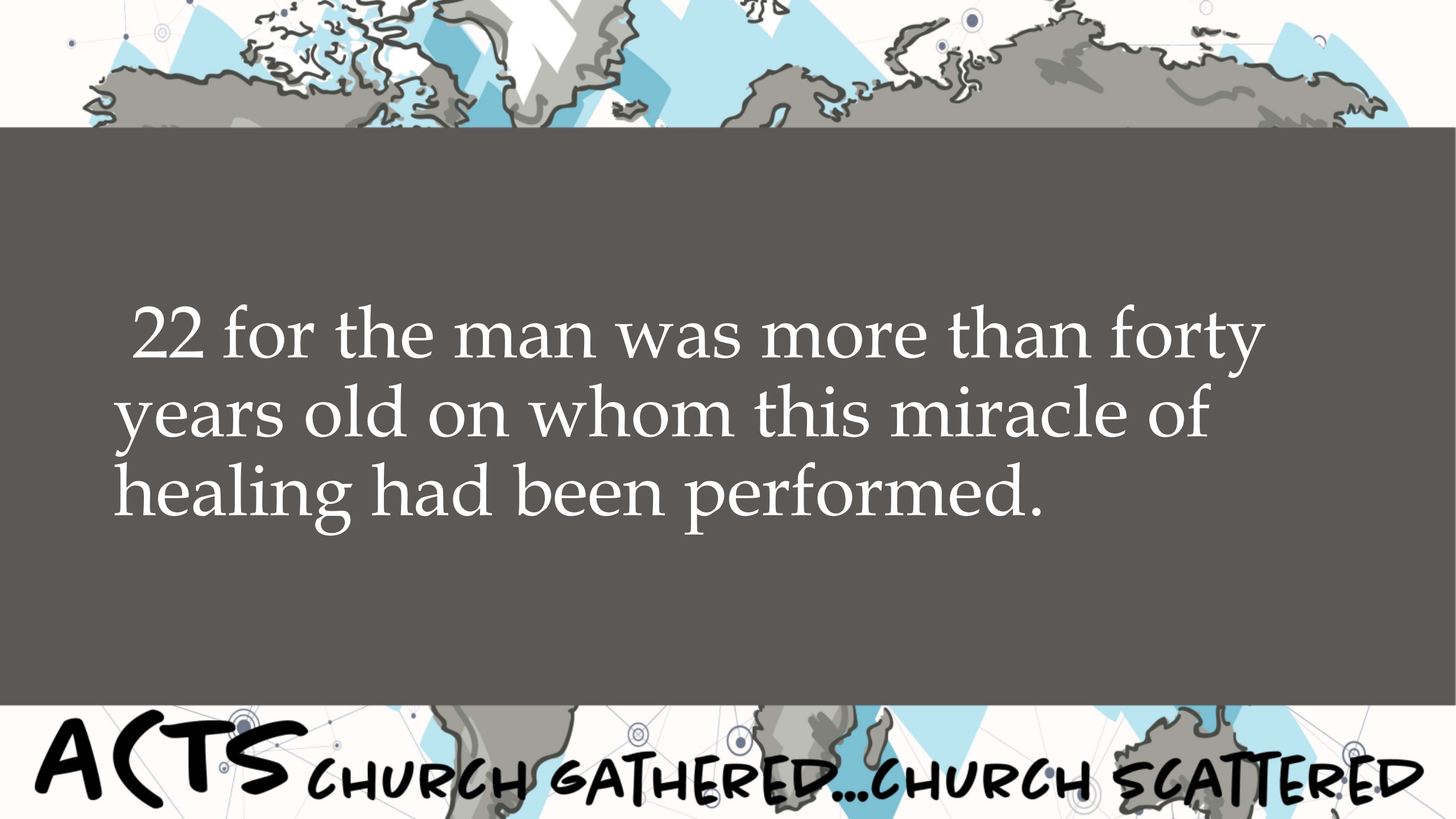




21 When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened;

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22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

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## The Effect 13-22

- ‘uneducated’ & ‘unlearned’
- ‘been with Jesus’ – ‘what shall we do?’
- Peter & John ‘we cannot stop’
- ‘threatened them’ – no real threat!
- Lame man leaping! 40 year testimony



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*“Is it not wonderful news to believe  
that salvation lies outside ourselves?”*

Martin Luther



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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17



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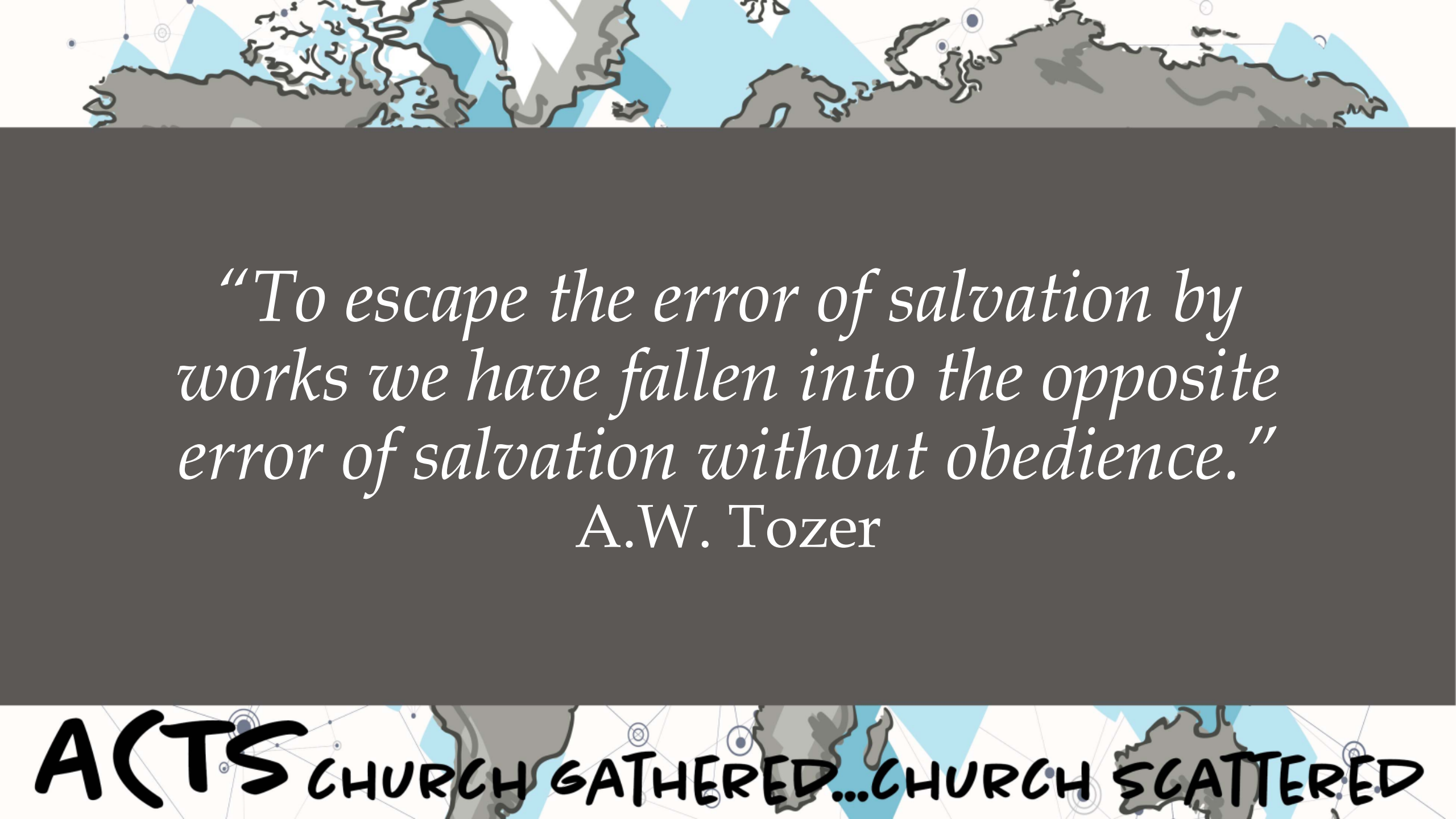


# End?

- Committed witnesses – resurrection
- Courageous witnesses – leaders
- Community witnesses – people



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*“To escape the error of salvation by works we have fallen into the opposite error of salvation without obedience.”*  
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