
ON TRIAL

As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them, 2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. 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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5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were
gathered together in Jerusalem; 6 and Annas the high
priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander,
and all who were of high-priestly descent. 7 When they had
placed them in the center, they began to inquire, “By what
power, or in what name, have you done this?”

Acts 4:1-22

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,
“Rulers and elders of the people, 9 if we are on trial today
for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has
been made well, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all
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Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the
dead—by this name this man stands here before you in
good health.

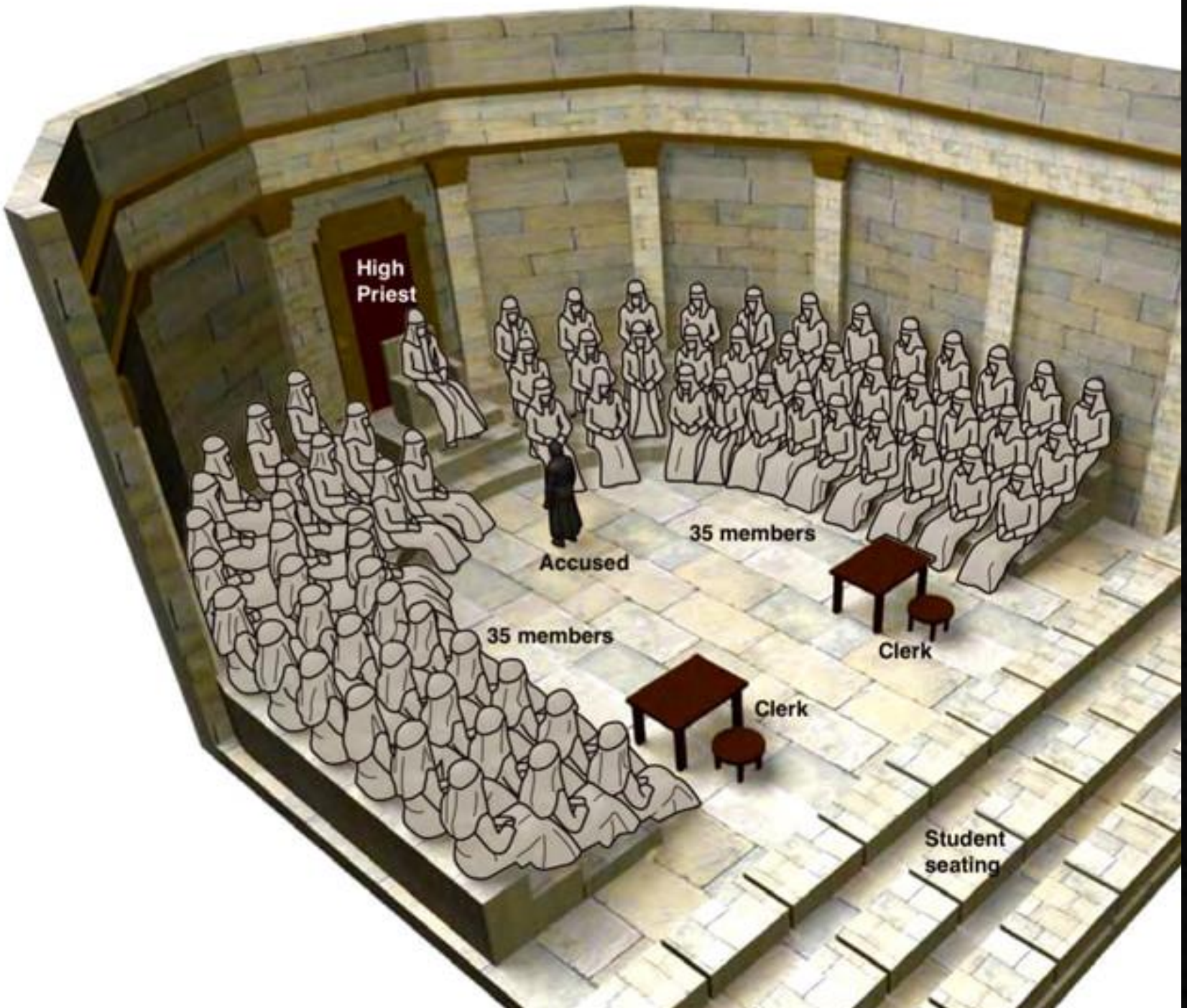
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11 He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders,
but which became the chief corner stone. 12 And there is
salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under
heaven that has been given among men by which we must
be saved.”

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18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me
before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world
would love its own; but because you are not of the world,
but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world
hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A
slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted
Me, they will also persecute you; if they kept My word, they
will keep yours also.

John 15:18-20


High Priest
Accused
35 members
35 members
Clerk
Clerk
Student seating

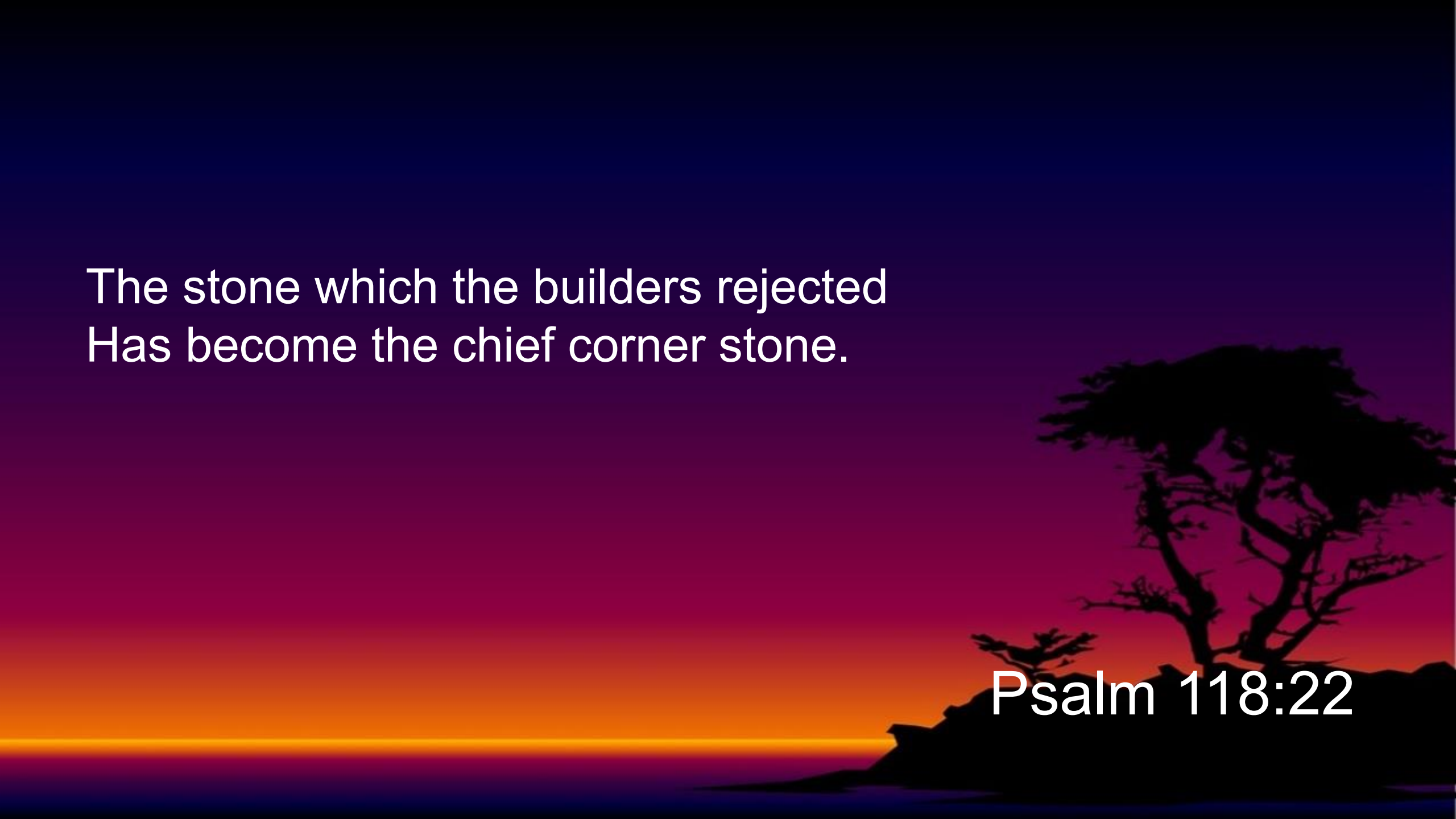
“This question gives Peter and John an unquestionably open door to share the gospel.”

R. Albert Mohler Jr.

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Acts 4:8-10

The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief corner stone.



Psalm 118:22

“Oh, how the world hates such statements! If you want to be laughed at, scorned, hated, even persecuted, testify to the exclusive claims of Jesus Christ.”

Dr. James Boice

“If someone wishes to believe that all are saved or that there are many roads to heaven or that one can take the best of all faiths and blend them into one; fine. Believe so and bear the consequences; but please do not claim this is the teaching of the Bible.”

David Guzik

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. 14 And seeing the man who had
been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in
reply. 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. 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.” 18 And when they had summoned them, they
commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name
of Jesus.

Acts 4:1-22

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; 20 for we cannot stop
speaking about what we have seen and heard.” 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; 22 for the man was more than forty years old on
whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

Acts 4:1-22

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John 15:19

“It is interesting to note what the Jewish leaders did not do: they did not make any attempt to disprove the resurrection of Jesus. If it were possible to do, this was the time to do it; yet they could not. “Had it seemed possible to refute them on this point, how readily would the Sanhedrin have seized the opportunity! Had they succeeded, how quickly and completely the new movement would have collapsed!”

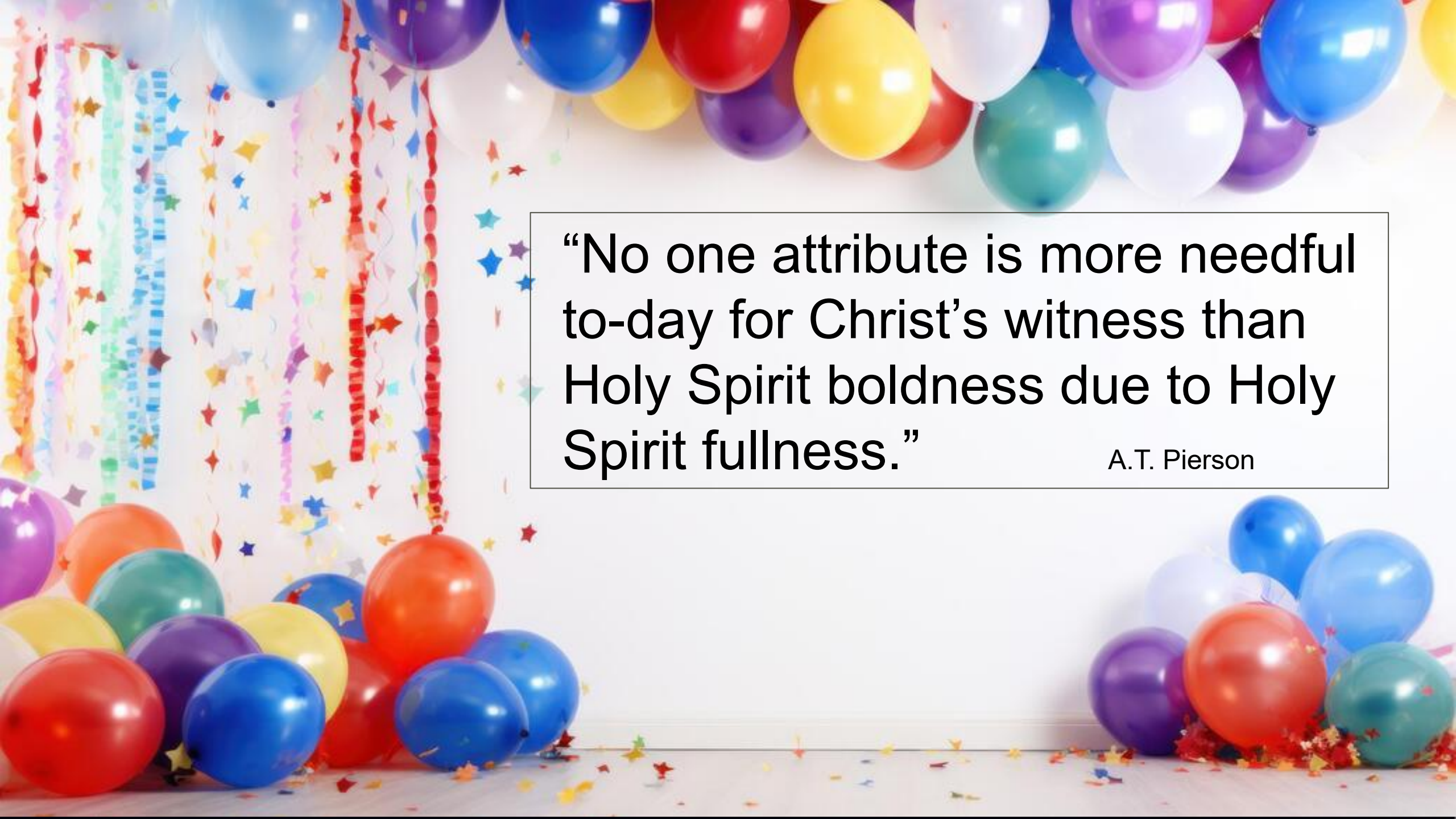
F.F. Bruce

“15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives,
one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was
named Puah; 16 and he said, “When you are helping the
Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the
birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but
if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” 17 But the midwives
feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had
commanded them, but let the boys live.”

Exodus 1:15-17

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On Trial

After being in jail overnight Peter and John stand before the Sanhedrin, on trial for healing a man born lame. After not finding anything they have done wrong, they are warned and told not to speak in the name of Jesus, but Jesus told them to share the gospel with the world. We see their loyalty as they honor God with their reply.

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