

“Salvation in No One Else” Acts 4:1-14.

Series: The Church Begins - Acts” Part 10.

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Key Thought: God sent Jesus to be the Savior the world needs, and Jesus is still at work saving people today.

I. The Gospel of Jesus is disturbing. (4:1-4)

A. **The resurrection of Jesus disturbed the authorities** (1-2) **1 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. 2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.**

B. **Peter and John experienced “push back” in their witness.** (3) **3 They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.**

C. **Truth that is disturbing to some is liberating to others.** (4) **4 But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.**

II. A Matter of Authority (Confrontation) (4:5-7)

A. **The “Authorities” gathered to intimidate Peter and John.** (5-6) **5 The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. 6 Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family.**

B. **The interrogation centered on power, means and authority.** (7) **7 They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?”**

III. Preaching in the Power of the Holy Spirit (8-12)

A. **Peter shows respect** (8) **8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people!**

B. **Peter gives glory and honor to Jesus Christ** (9-10) **9 If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, 10 then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name**

of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed

C. **Peter illustrates how Jesus is the “Cornerstone”** (11) . **11 Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.”**

D. **Salvation is found in no other name.** (12) **12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”**

IV. The Truth of Jesus silenced the authorities. (13-14)

A. **The witness of Peter and John’s faith was astonishing** (13) **13 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.**

B. **The man who was healed stood as a witness to Jesus’ power** (14) **14 But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.**

Key Point: God is calling us to respectfully represent Jesus. We are to trust Jesus saving presence and power in a ministry of healing and hope.

Questions for Discussion:

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1. Why did the authorities put Peter and John in prison? (v. 1-3)
2. Even though they were jailed, what was the result of their preaching the Gospel of Jesus? (4) What does this teach us?
3. Did the intimidation of all the “Big Leaders” keep Peter and John quiet? (5-8)
4. How did Peter and John display both respect and courage? (9)
5. How does Peter illustrate the gospel through the Kindness shown to the healing of the lame man? (10)
6. How is Jesus the “Cornerstone” of God’s Kingdom? (11-12)
7. How does the courage of Peter and the miracle of healing for the lame man silence the “authorities”? (13-14)