"Christ Alone"

Acts 4:1-12

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The Big Idea: Acts 4:11 This ***Jesus*** is the Stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. 12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men (mortals) by which we must be saved.

LEADING UP TO ACTS 4

Jesus was betrayed, arrested, denied by the people and by Peter, tried by the people, crucified, and buried, and then on the third day He raised to life and repeatedly appeared to the disciples and up to 500 at one time over the next 40 days. Jesus reinstates Peter and tells him to feed His sheep. Just before His ascension, Jesus told His disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they receive the promised Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, (50 days after Passover) the believers were together and a sound like a rushing wind and what looked like tongues of fire came and rested on each one of them and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke in other languages that were understood by those from other regions. Many who were in Jerusalem for Pentecost heard the sound and a multitude gathered. Peter then boldly tells the multitude that this is what the prophet Joel had foretold and confirms that this Jesus, that they crucified, is the risen Christ and what they just witnessed was the result of the promised Holy Spirit. From this message about 3000 people believed, were baptized, and were added to their number. At this point the believers devoted themselves daily to the Apostles teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer.

Then one day, going to the temple at the time of prayer, Peter and John encounter a lame man crippled from birth who was daily put by the temple to beg. Peter is credited with healing the lame man who began walking, jumping and praising God. All the people saw this and were filled with awe and amazement. Peter addresses the people and gives bold testimony as to what the people have just witnessed and as he is explaining it we find our selves in…

Acts 4:1-12 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:1–12, ESV)

WHAT Peter knows

- ✓ Jesus of Nazareth is Christ, Isa 45:22-24, Phil 2:10-11, Matt 16:16
- ✓ Jesus is the rejected cornerstone, Ps 118:22, Isa 28:16
- ✓ Peter had set apart Christ as Lord in his heart, 1 Pet 1:3-9, 3:15

SO WHAT

- ✓ Salvation is found in no one else, Isa 45:22
- ✓ No one comes to the Father except through Jesus, John 14:6
- ✓ 2 Cor 5:21 the great exchange / The Good News / The Gospel

NOW WHAT

- ✓ Who is Jesus to you? Matt 16:13-20, John 1:1-14
- ✓ What are you building your life on? Matt 7:24-27, Luke 6:46-49
- ✓ Does your life cause people to question? 1 Pet 3:15
- ✓ Are you prepared to tell them about your faith?