

- ii. Now he lays the blame for it on the rulers, elders, scribes, and high priests.
 - a. He was right to do so because they were the instigators of it (**Luk 23:13, 21, 23**).
 - b. God progressively gave Peter more strength to first stand up to people of Israel and then to the most powerful men in the nation.
 - c. "...as thy days, so shall thy strength be." (**Deut 33:25**)
 - D. *whom God raised from the dead*,
 - i. God (all three persons of the Trinity) raised Jesus Christ from the dead.
 - ii. See comments on Acts 2:24.
 - E. *even by him doth this man stand here before you whole*.
 - i. Peter gives all the glory to Jesus Christ for the healing of the lame man.
 - ii. He takes no credit for it (**Act 3:12, 16**).
11. **Acts 4:11** – *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.*
- A. *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders*,
 - i. Peter is quoting from **Psa 118:22**.
 - ii. Our Savior declared that this verse referred to Him (**Mat 21:42**).
 - iii. Jesus is the shepherd, the stone of Israel (**Gen 49:24**).
 - iv. The Jewish rulers, leaders, and chief priests were the builders who set Jesus at nought.
 - a. Nought – 6. *to set at nought*: to despise, defy, scorn, disregard.
 - b. They were trying to build their own version of God's religion based on their traditions (**Mar 7:5-13**).
 - c. Jesus got in the way of their plans, so they rejected Him and killed Him (**Mat 21:33-39, 45**).
 - d. They stumbled over Him (**1Pe 2:7-8**).
 - B. *which is become the head of the corner*.
 - i. God exalted Jesus Christ after His resurrection and made Him head over all things (**Eph 1:19-23**).
 - ii. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone (**Isa 28:16**).
 - iii. He is the foundation stone upon which the church is built (**Eph 2:20-22; 1Pe 2:5-6**).
 - iv. Jesus, the stone which the builders rejected, took the kingdom of God from them and ground them to powder (**Mat 21:43-44**).
12. **Acts 4:12** – *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
- A. *Neither is there salvation in any other*:
 - i. Salvation is only found in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - a. Jesus Christ *by Himself* purged our sins (**Heb 1:3**).
 - b. God the Father gave Christ power over all flesh to give eternal life to as many as He had given Him (**Joh 17:2**).
 - c. Jesus Christ is *the way, the truth, and the life* and no man comes to the Father but by Him (**Joh 14:6**).

- d. No man can know the Father without Jesus revealing Him to him **(Mat 11:27)**.
 - ii. Jesus Christ is God, the only Savior **(Isa 43:11; Hos 13:4; Luk 2:11)**.
 - iii. God will not give His glory to another **(Isa 42:8)**.
 - iv. There is no salvation in anything, or anyone, but the Lord Jesus Christ **(1Jo 4:14)**.
 - a. The scriptures do not save men eternally **(Joh 5:39)**.
 - b. Keeping the law of Moses does not save men eternally **(Rom 8:3; Gal 2:21; Gal 3:21)**.
 - c. Our works do not save us eternally **(2Ti 1:9-10; Tit 3:5-7)**.
 - d. Being a Jew or a son of Abraham does not save one eternally **(Mat 3:9; Joh 8:37; Rom 9:6-8)**.
 - e. Neither our will, nor any other man's will, can save us eternally **(Joh 1:13; Rom 9:16)**.
 - f. Religion (any religion) does not save us eternally.
- B. *for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*
 - i. The Messiah was named JESUS because He would save His people from their sins **(Mat 1:21)**.
 - ii. At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father **(Php 2:5-11)**.

13. **Acts 4:13** – *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*

- A. *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John,*
 - i. Boldness *n.* – The quality of being bold. 1. Courage, daring, fearlessness.
 - ii. Bold *adj.* – 1. a. Of persons: Stout-hearted, courageous, daring, fearless; the opposite of 'timid' or 'fearful'. 2. Of words, actions, etc.: Showing or requiring courage; daring, brave.
 - iii. Pastors ought to be bold and courageous **(Act 4:29, 31; Act 9:27, 29; Act 13:46; Eph 6:20)**.
 - iv. Christians ought to likewise be bold **(Php 1:14)**.
 - v. Suffering and persecution should not diminish our boldness **(1Th 2:2)**.
 - vi. The righteous are bold as a lion **(Pro 28:1)**.
- B. *and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men,*
 - i. Unlearned *adj.* – Not possessed of learning; uninstructed; untaught; ignorant.
 - ii. Ignorant *adj.* – 1. a. Destitute of knowledge, either in general or with respect to a particular fact or subject; unknowing, uninformed, unlearned.
 - iii. The apostles were not rabbis, scribes, or lawyers, but fishermen **(Mat 4:18-22)**, publicans **(Mat 10:3)**, and hillbillies **(Mar 14:70-71 c/w Mat 26:73)**.
- C. *they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.*
 - i. Jesus was bold and courageous **(Joh 7:26)**.
 - ii. Jesus was also not formally educated **(Joh 7:15)**.
 - iii. Jesus got His doctrine from the Father **(Joh 7:16)**.
 - iv. The apostles learned courage and acquired knowledge from Jesus.