

On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. When they had placed them in the center, they *began to* inquire, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well, 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. He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, *but* which became the chief corner *stone*. 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.”



**Witness: Acts of  
The Apostles**  
*The Cornerstone*

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**Suggested Questions:**

- This week in our series on Acts we find Peter and John on trial in the same place where Jesus stood about 2 months before them! Can you imagine what must have been going through their minds? Can you imagine the fear that they must have faced? “These people killed Jesus! What are they going to do to us?” When was the last time you were afraid? Can you talk about that experience in your groups? What was it like? How did you feel? How did you make it to the other side of fear, i.e. How did you get out?
- One of the ways that we’re told Peter was able to overcome his fear was through the filling of the Holy Spirit. For a little background, have someone in your group to look up John 16:12-15 (Google it!) and listen to what Jesus says about the Holy Spirit. What stands out to you about how Jesus talks about the Spirit?
- One of the things that is said in John 16:13 is that the Holy Spirit will guide you into all truth. Peter talks about this truth in Acts 4:5-12 and the essence of what he says is this: “Jesus was crucified and you thought it was over, but then he was raised back up — it ain’t over!” When have there been times in your life when you thought something was over only to discover that it wasn’t over?
- Peter likens Jesus to a cornerstone in the sense that he is the primary stone for the building, meaning, if you don’t have Jesus at the foundation then something is not quite right. What are some practical ways in our lives as Christians that we can keep Jesus as the cornerstone of our life?
- The reason why Peter was able to overcome his fear was because Jesus was his cornerstone and the Spirit was guiding him into truth. How can we pray today for that to be true of us just as it was true for Peter?