

URGENT

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Acts

The Continued Acts of Jesus

Jesus at Work in Acts

- Four scenes selected
- Ask the following questions
 - What do we see?
 - How is this Jesus taking action?
 - How can our life change?

Peter's Sermon on Pentecost

- What do we see?
 - Effective use of the OT to preach the Gospel
 - Peter taking the opportunity since attention is drawn by the wind
- Jesus at work?
 - He causes the great wind and flames of fire
 - He allows all languages to be heard and understood
 - He convicts the conscience of those listening to repent and obey
- How to change our life?
 - Take opportunities that God places in your path
 - Follow that “urge” or pull of the spirit
 - Not about the knowledge we possess, but God causing the growth

Peter and John's First Arrest

- What do we see?
 - Boldness to speak about Jesus in the midst of persecution
 - The example to follow God's law when in conflict with man's law
- Jesus at work?
 - The Holy Spirit (Jesus) guiding Peter's words
 - Jesus healing the crippled man that caused the commotion, drew the crowd
- How to change our life?
 - How boldly do we speak the truth in love?
 - Do we fall into the trap of being "inclusive" with sinful lifestyles or denominations that teach man's tradition and not the truth of Jesus' words?

Conversions of the Ethiopian, Saul, Cornelius, Lydia

- What do we see?

- God fearing people who had the best intentions, but had not been immersed into Christ and were still in their sins

- Jesus at work?

- Saul and the great light and message from Jesus on the road to Damascus
- The visions of Cornelius and Peter given by Jesus
- Jesus leading Paul to the place of prayer outside Philippi
- The Spirit (Jesus) leading Philip to the Ethiopian

- How to change our life?

- Follow the call when God is leading you to a lost soul
- Don't assume someone is in Christ based on how "good" they are

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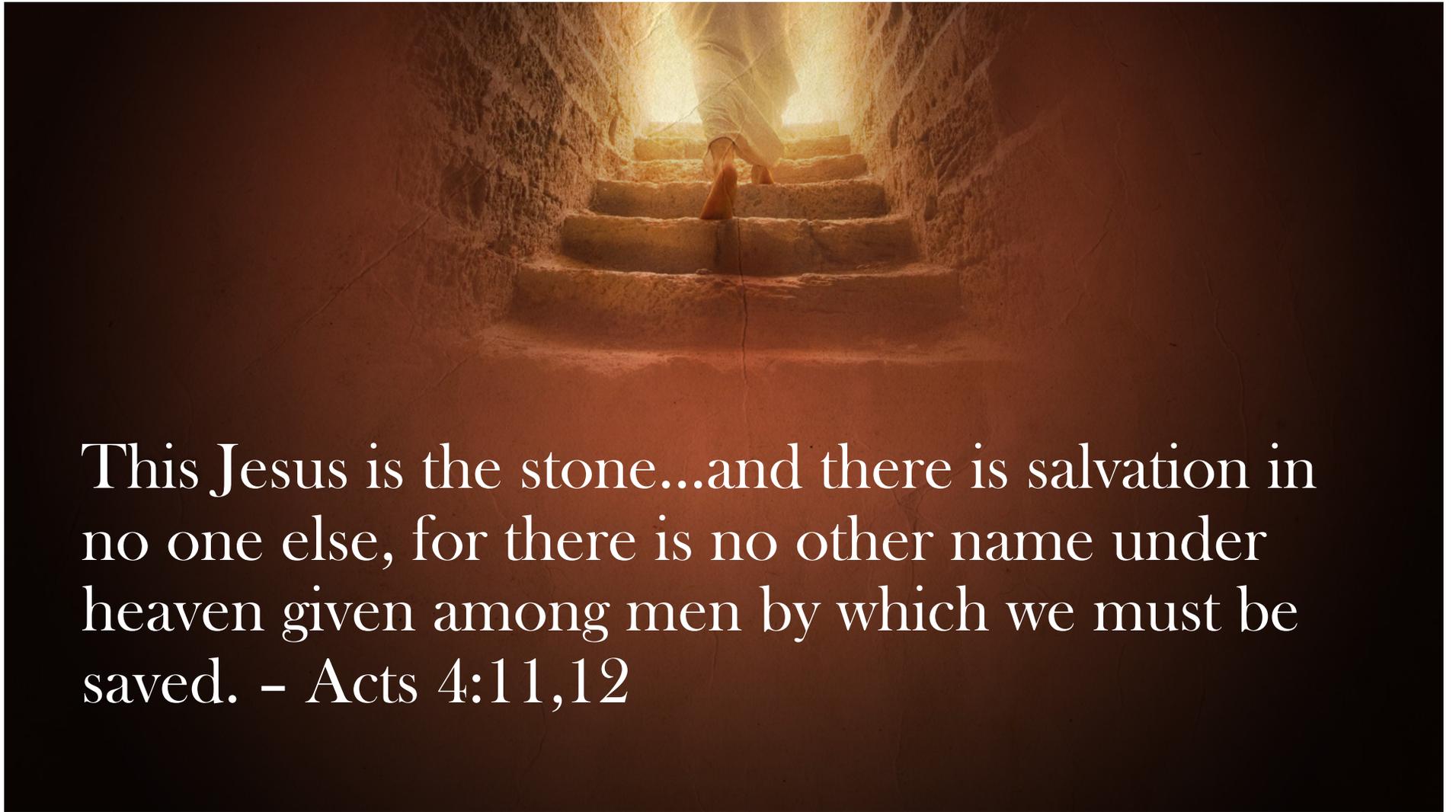
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This Jesus is the stone...and there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. - Acts 4:11,12