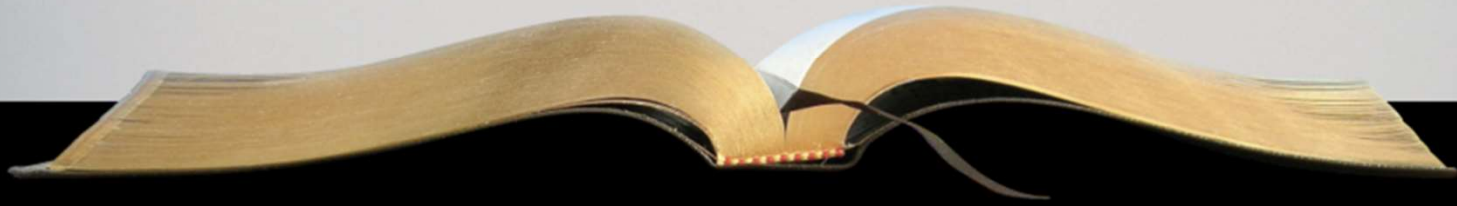


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Lesson 4
Peter and John Witness

(Acts 3-4)



1. Peter and John Wrote God's Word.



* Peter wrote:

1 Peter

2 Peter

* John wrote:

The Gospel of John

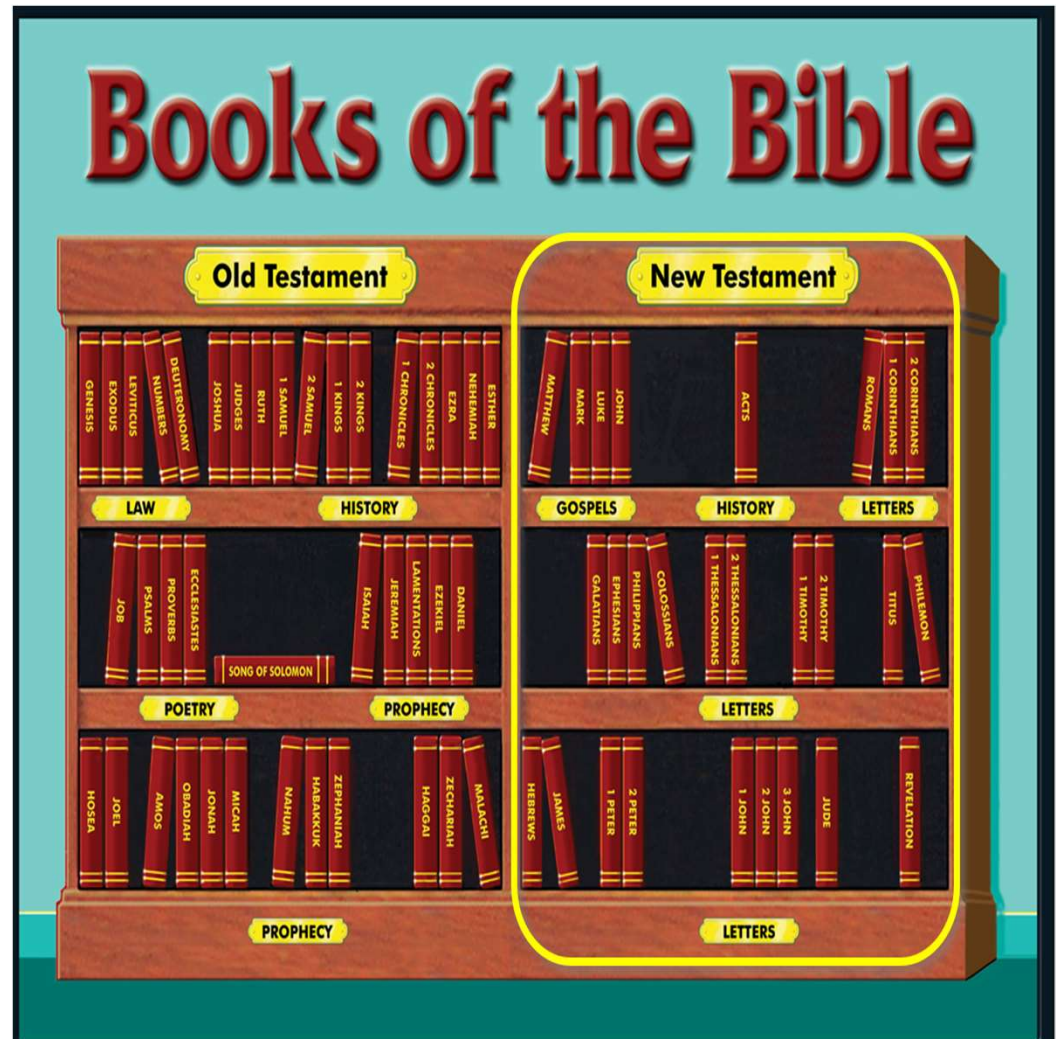
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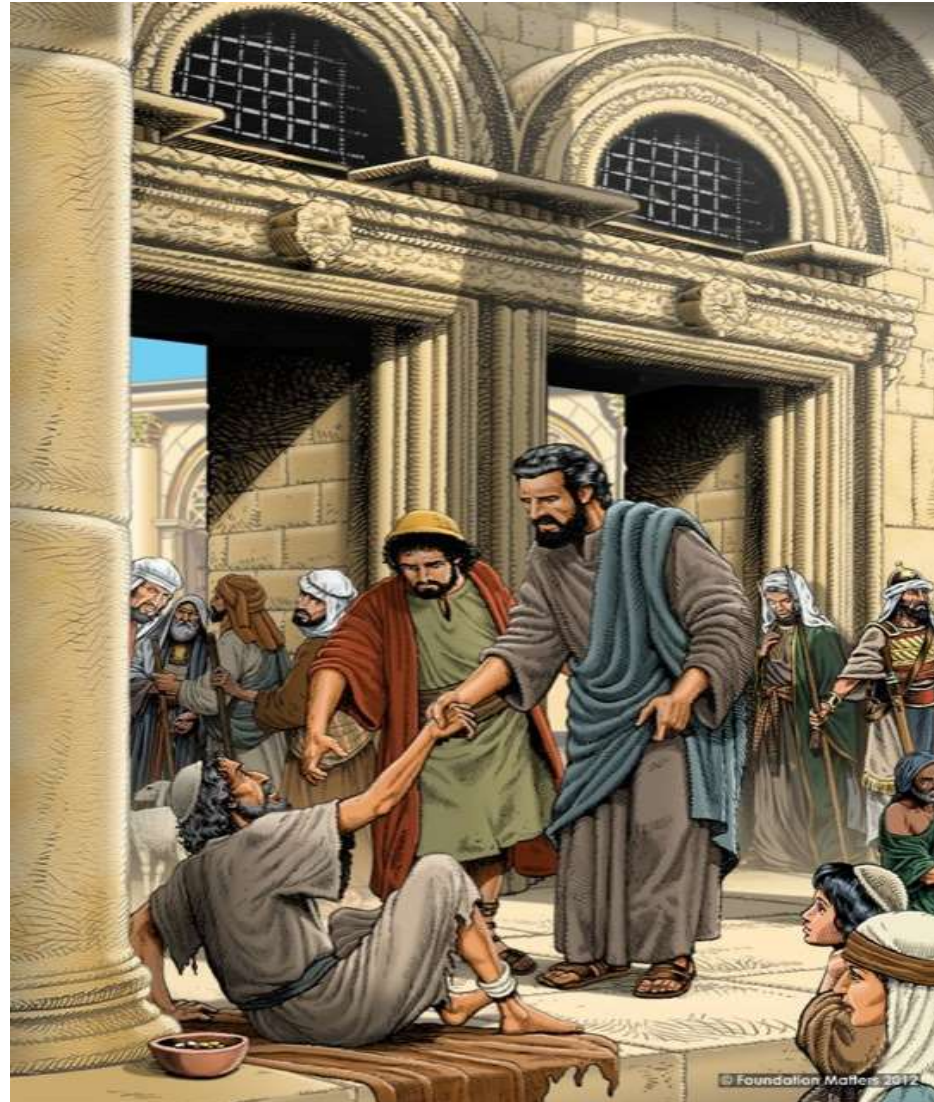
3 John

Revelation

The **Holy Spirit** used Peter and John to write God's Word.



2. Peter and John Healed a Lame Beggar (no walk) Beggar (poor—need help) in Jesus' Name.

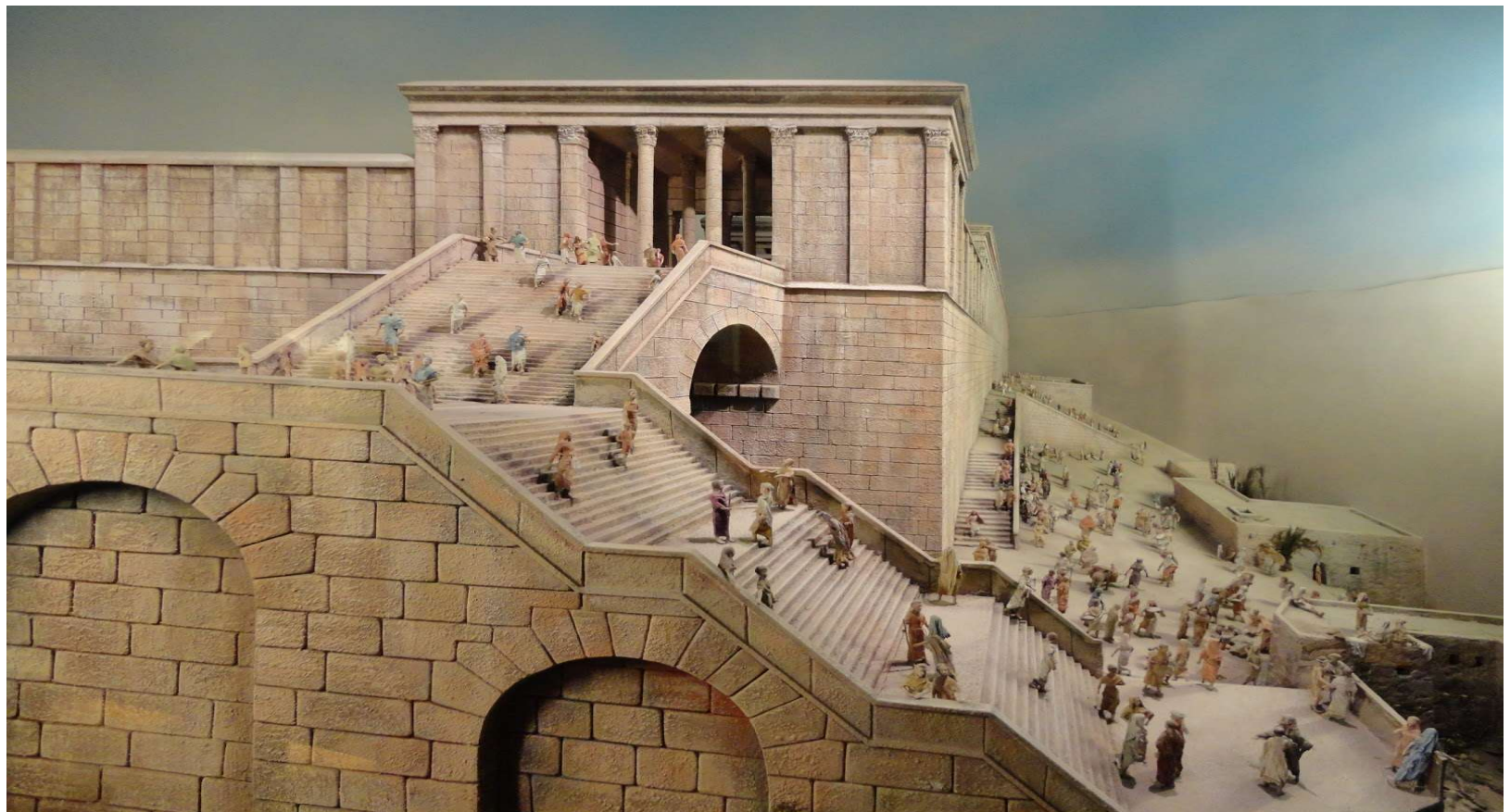


(Acts 3:1)

Peter and John went up together
into the **Temple** at 3PM.



- *The Jews continued to go to the **Temple in Jerusalem** to worship God.
- *The apostles and church also met in the **Temple** separately to worship God.



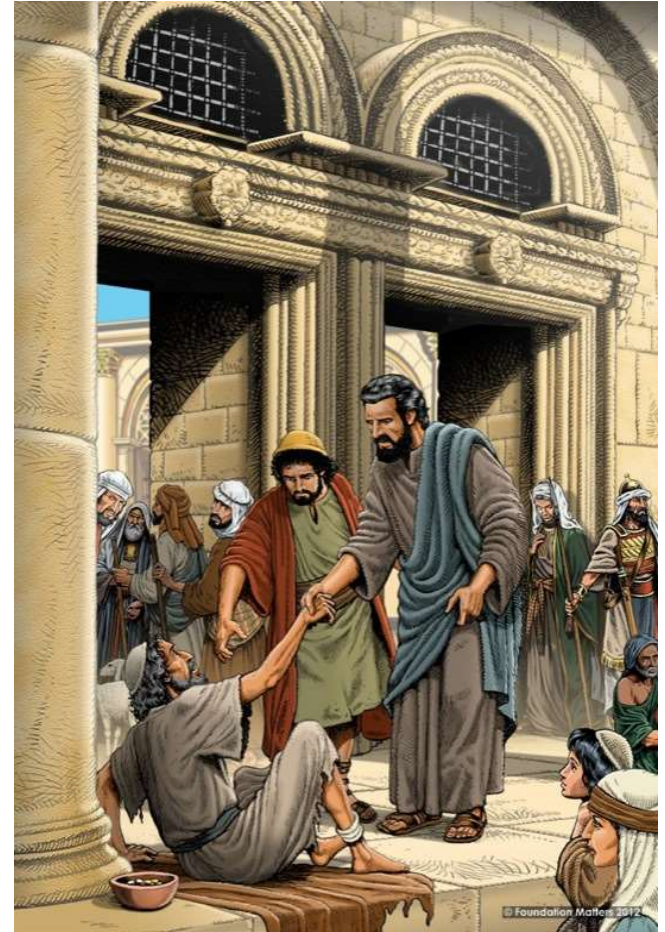
(Acts 3:2-5)

A lame beggar asked Peter and John for help.

(Acts 3:6)

*Peter told the lame beggar that the name of **Jesus of Nazareth** had the power to heal him.

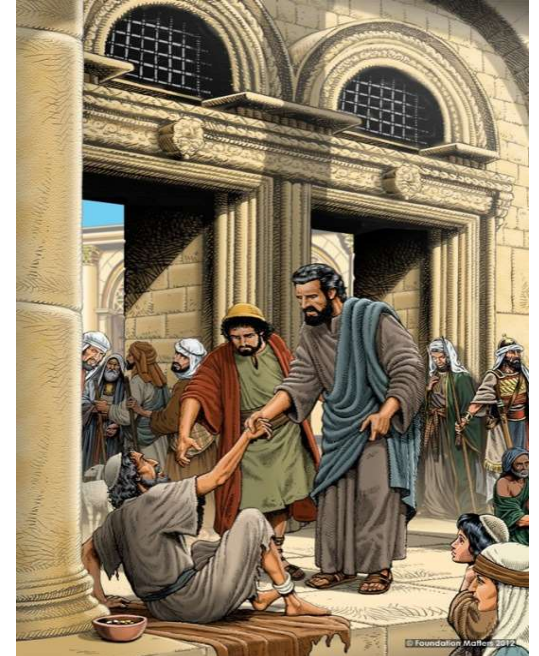
*All the people in Jerusalem knew that “Jesus of Nazareth” had been crucified.



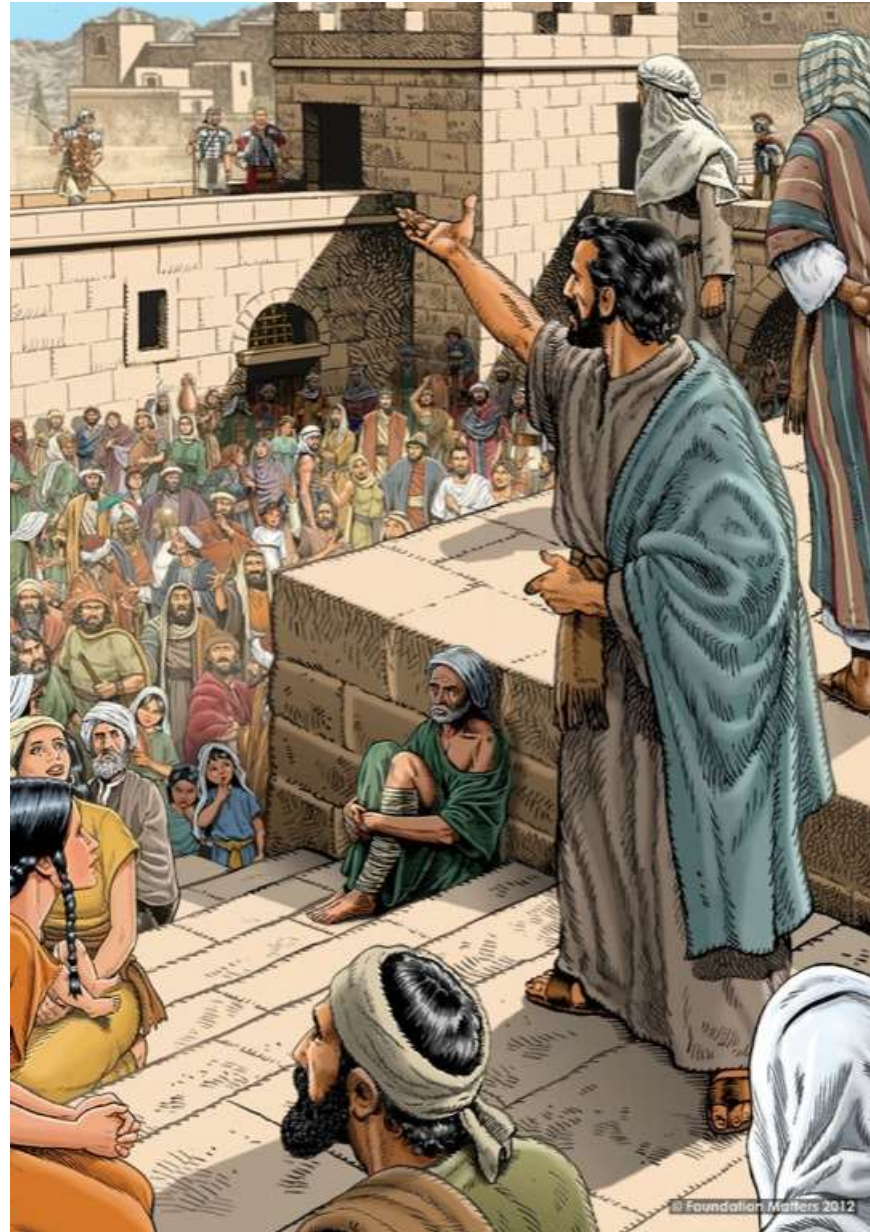
*(Acts 3:7-8) Peter healed the lame beggar in Jesus' name.

*After the lame beggar was healed, he jumped up and down—praising God and followed Peter and John into the Temple.

*(Acts 3:9-11) The people were amazed knowing that the lame beggar NOW was walking!



3. Peter Preached to the People.

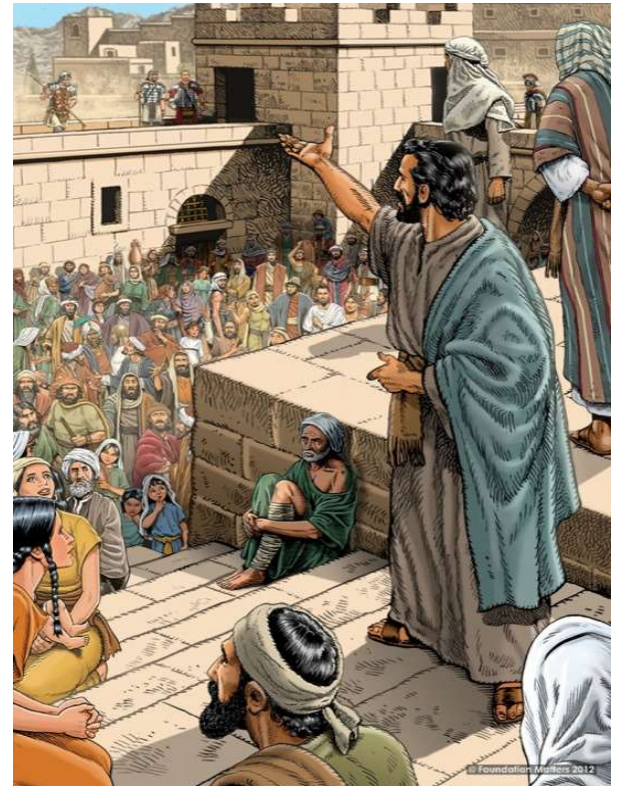


(Acts 3:12, 16)

Peter said: NOT Peter and John's power or holiness made lame beggar walk. ONLY Jesus' power.

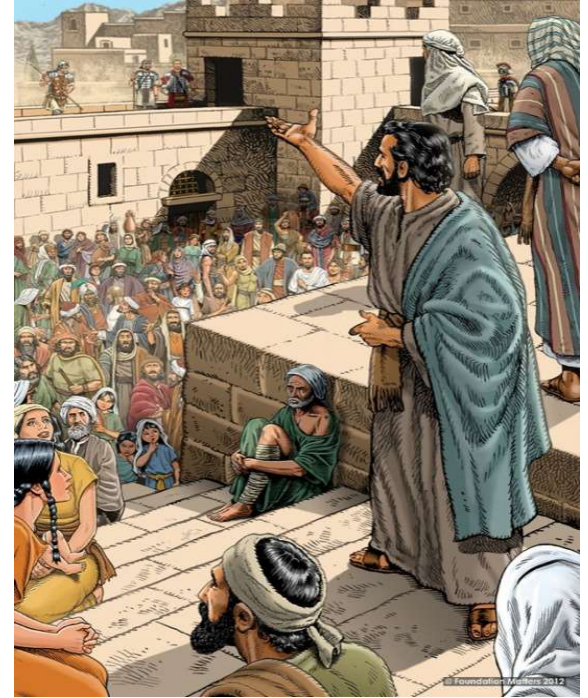
(Acts 3:13)

Peter and John said same Abraham, Isaac, Jacob's **God** also sent and glorified Jesus of Nazareth to be Savior and King.



(Acts 3:13-15)

Peter and John said the people had **denied** and **crucified** Jesus.



*Denied = Say, Jesus is NOT our King

(Acts 3:13-15)

(13) ...God... his Son Jesus

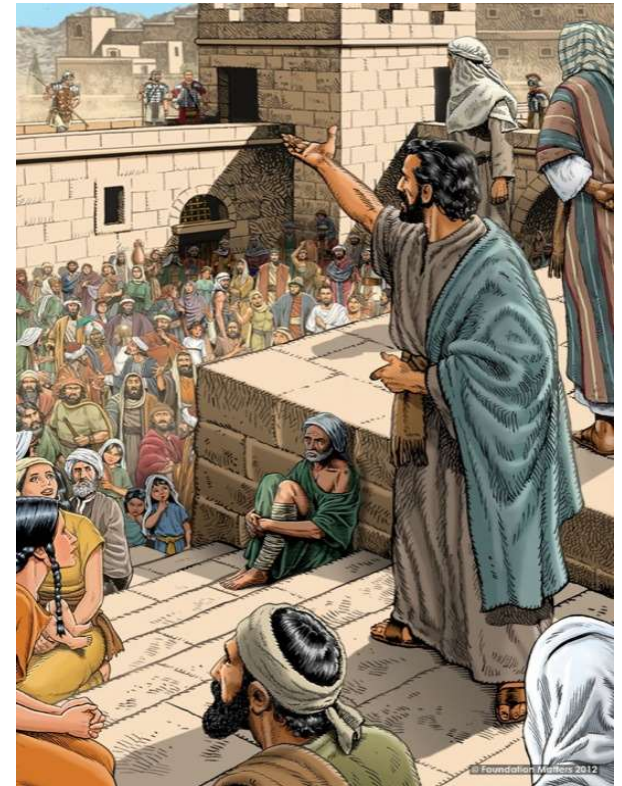
(14) ...the Holy One and
the Just...

(15) ...the Prince of life,

Son = same as the Father

Holy One and Just = no sin

Prince of life = gives life



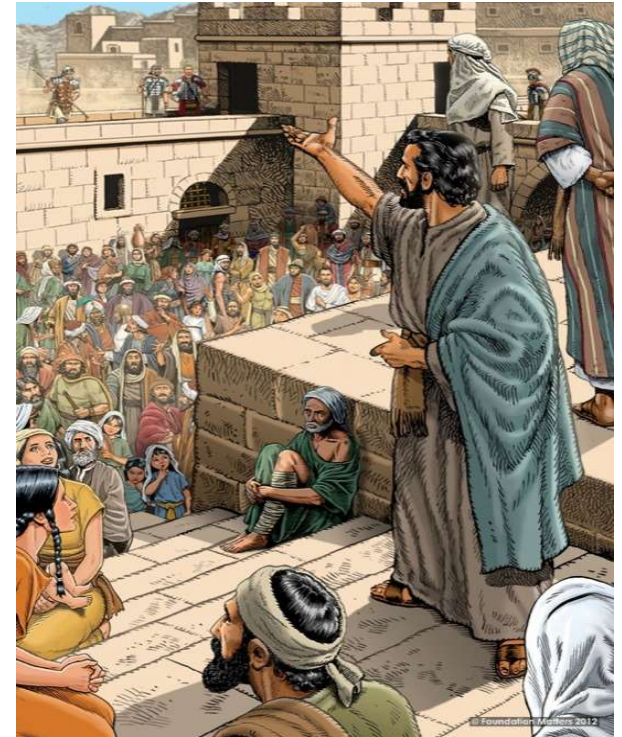
(Acts 3:14-15)

Proof!!!

**God raised Jesus
from the dead.**

(Acts 3:17-18)

Because Jews did not
understand O.T., Jews
rejected and crucified Jesus.
--God in O.T. promised Jesus
would come...



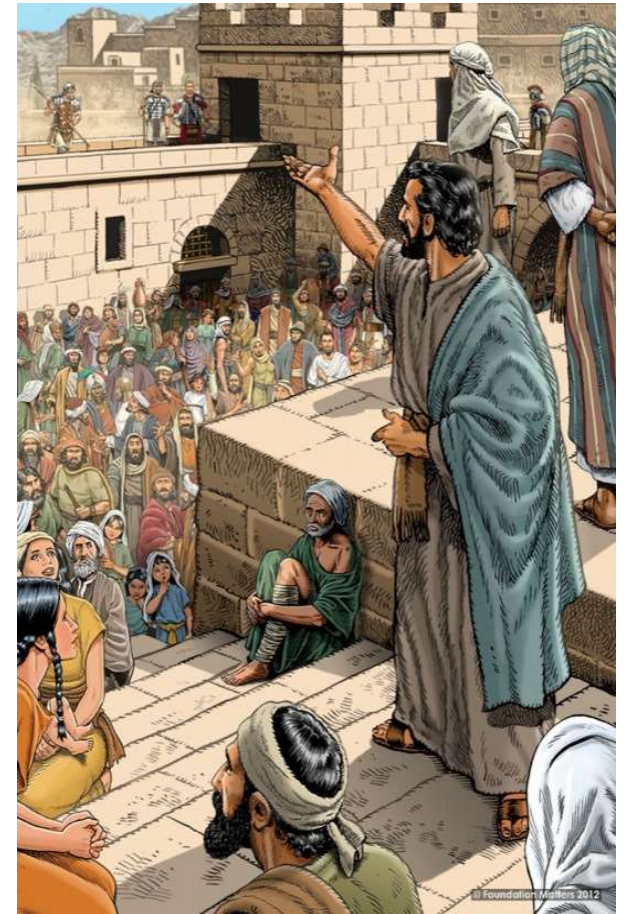
(Acts 3:19)

*NOW the Jews must repent (**change**) and receive **Jesus as King and Saviour.**

(Acts 3:19-21)

*God still wanted to forgive and bless the Jews.

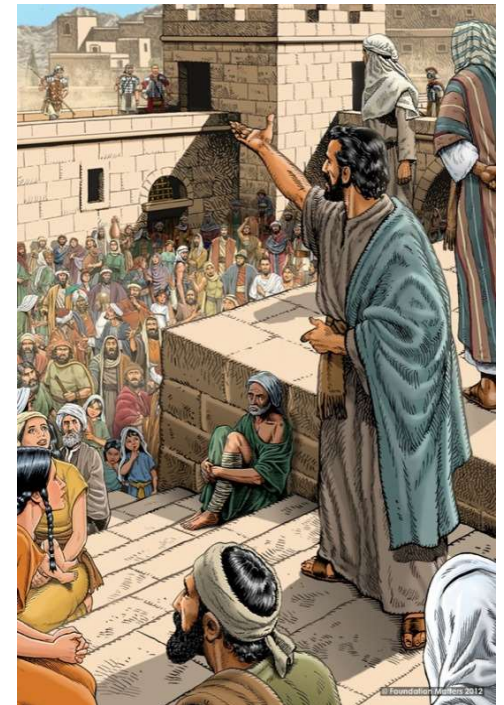
*When Jesus returns to the earth (**2nd Coming of Jesus**), Jesus will bless the repentant (**changed**) nation of Israel.



(Acts 3:22-24)

*Moses said that God will
NOT forgive those who reject
Jesus.

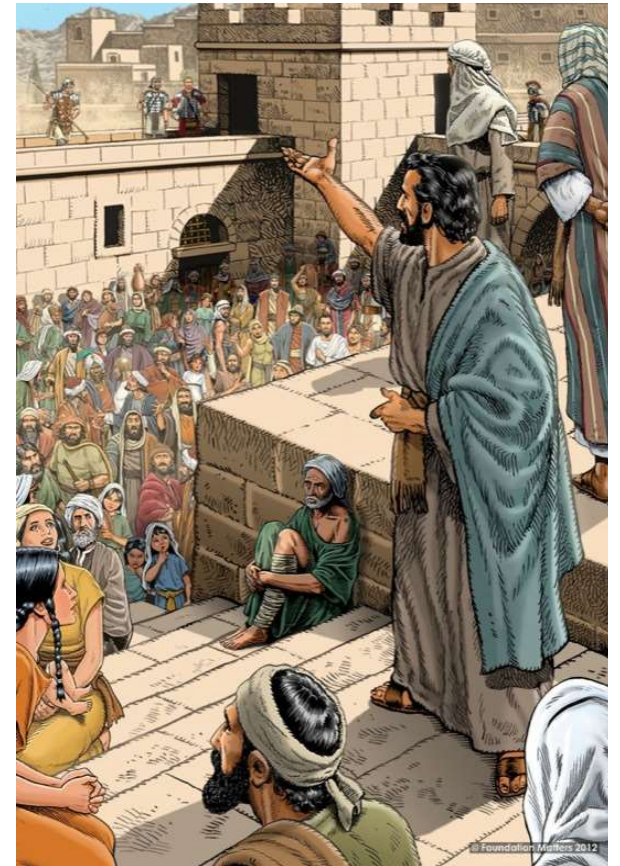
*All the prophets said that in
the future Jesus will come.



(Acts 3:25-26)

*God's promises
to Abraham
happened in Jesus.

*First salvation offered to
Jews **then** to all world.



4. Jewish Leaders Questioned Peter and John.



(Acts 4:1-3)

*Jewish Leaders did not want people following Jesus.

*They were angry that Peter and John were preaching that Jesus rose from the dead.

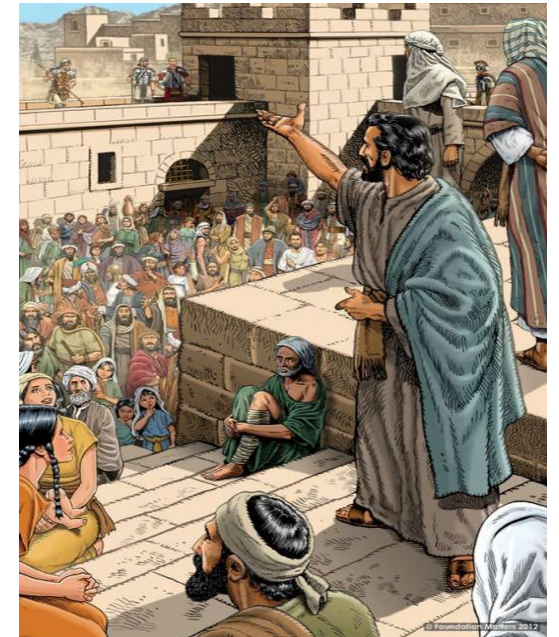
*They put Peter and John in Jail.



(Acts 4:4)

*The Jewish leaders could NOT stop the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the people through the witness of Peter and John.

*Many people (5,000) were saved.



(Acts 4:5-6)

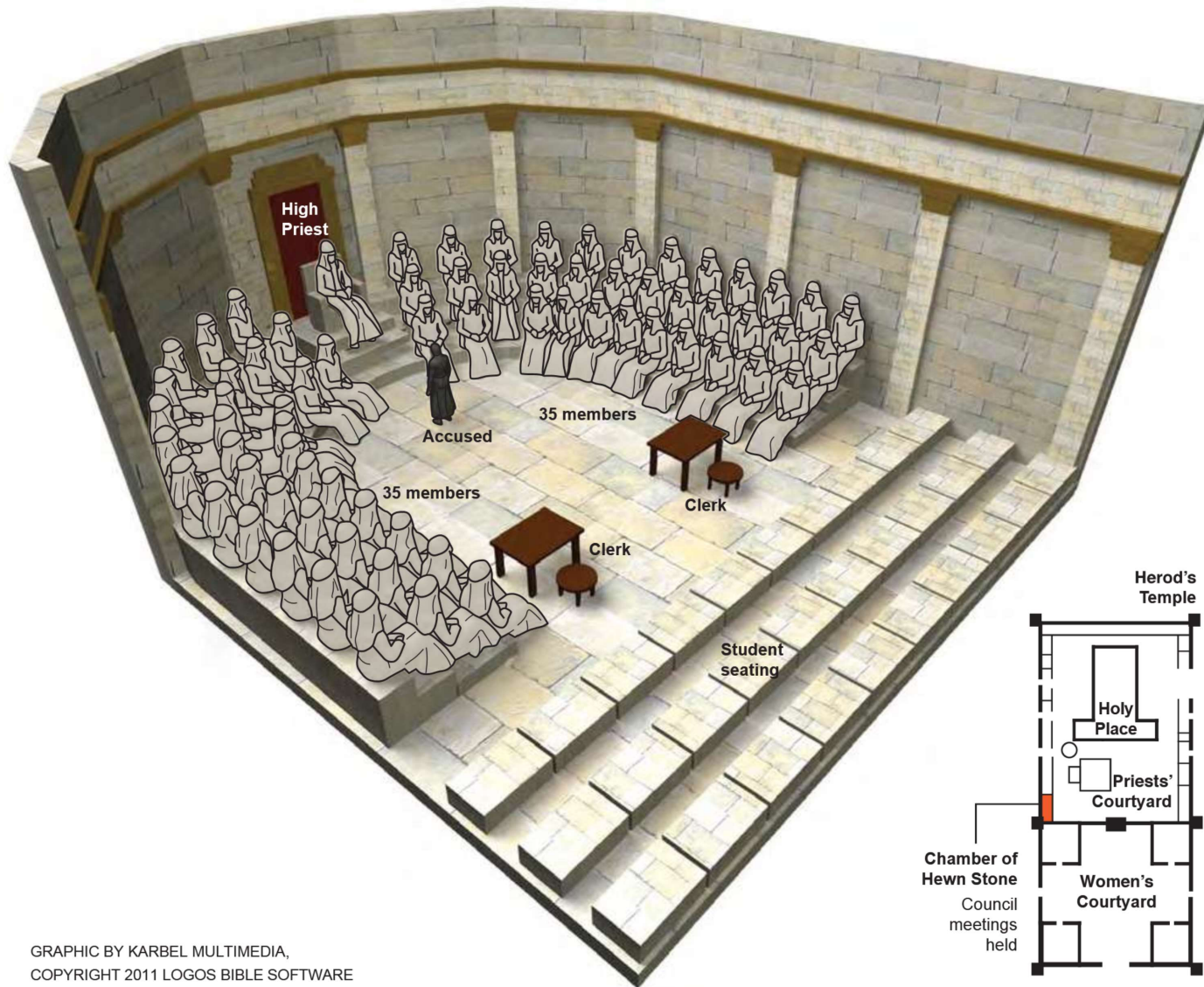
*Jewish leaders (Sanhedrin) questioned Peter and John.

*These were the same people who paid Judas and wanted Pilate to crucify Jesus.



The Sanhedrin

The Jewish high court of justice consisted of 71 men and was led by the high priest. The council could decide almost any fate of its people—except the death penalty, which was decided by the Romans. The court was located within the Chamber of Hewn Stone inside Herod's Temple.



(Acts 4:7)

The Jewish leaders asked,
“Who allowed you to preach?”



5. Peter Answered.



(Acts 4:8)

*Peter was *“filled with the Holy Spirit”*.

*The Holy Spirit gives courage and wisdom to answer correctly. We must **learn God’s Word** and allow the **Spirit to control us**.

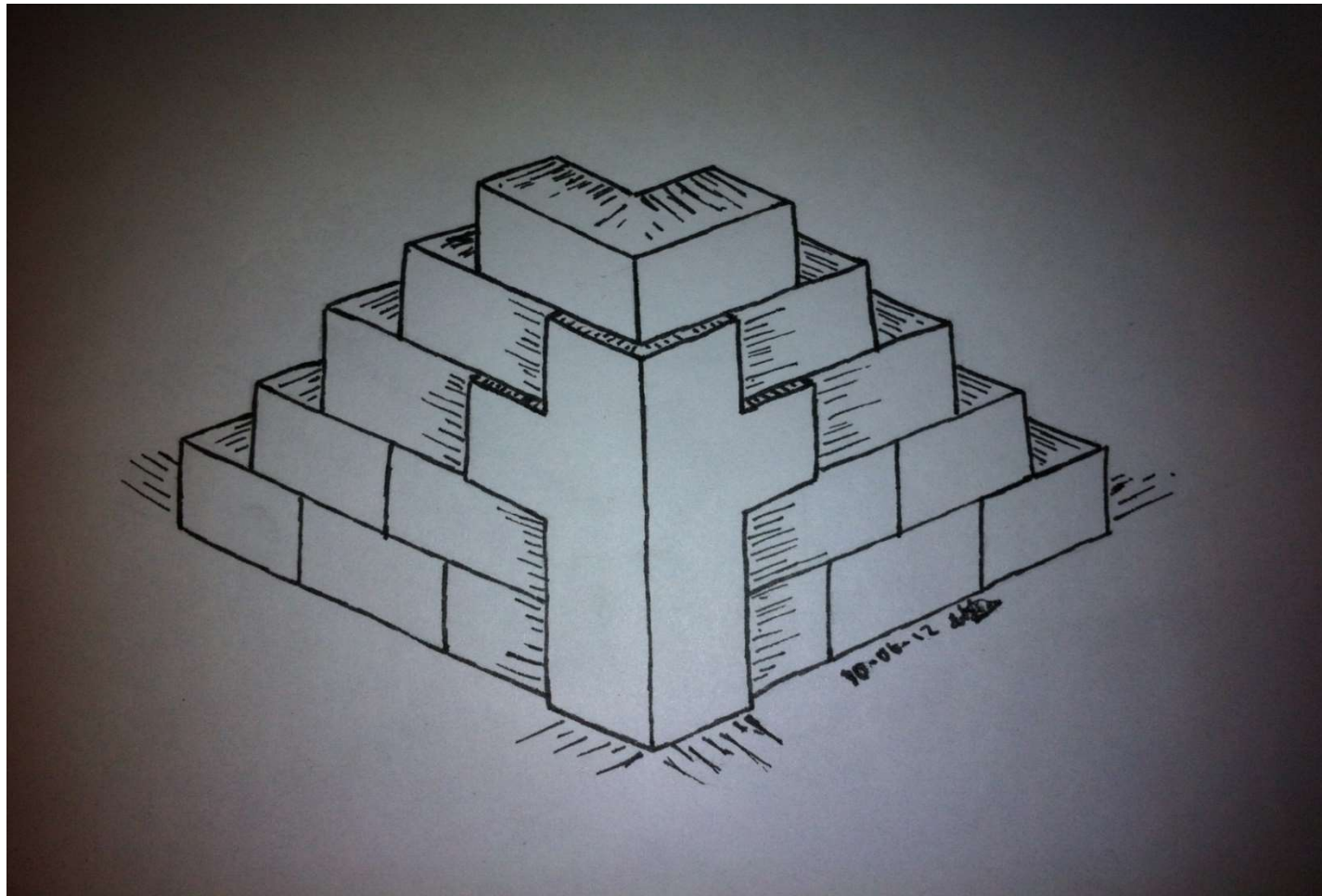


(Acts 4:10)

Peter told the leaders that they had rejected the same Jesus by Whose power the lame beggar was healed.



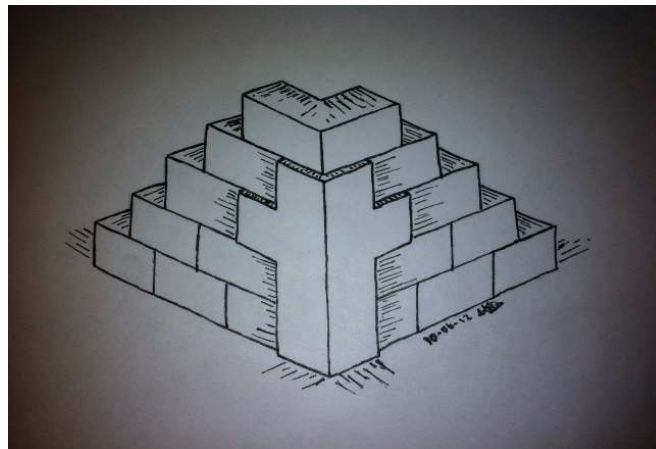
(Acts 4:11) Peter said that Jesus was the stone (Psalm 118:22) rejected by the builders (Jewish leaders).



* **Jewish leaders** had examined (**looked**) and **rejected** Jesus (**thrown away the stone**).

* **God** had **accepted** (**made most important stone**) Jesus and given Him #1 place (**King**).

*(Acts 4:12) Jesus is the ONLY way to Heaven and salvation.



6. Jewish Leaders' Decision



(Acts 4:13-15)

The Jewish leaders saw Peter and John's boldness; they knew that they had been with Jesus.



(Acts 4:16-18) The Jewish leaders saw the lame beggar now standing; they knew a true miracle had happened.

*Because they hated Jesus and had hard hearts, they commanded Peter and John NOT to preach Jesus.



--Now Jewish leaders commanded **NOT** to tell anyone about Jesus (**Gospel**)!

--Before Jesus commanded **YES** tell everyone about Jesus (**Gospel**)!

Who obey???

Bible says, yes, obey rulers... (Rom. 13:1-7)

BUT these rulers say, "Disobey God"

(Acts 4:19-20)

Peter and John answered that
we must always obey God first.

*Because the healed man was over 40 years age, the proof was too strong to deny. The leaders threatened then freed Peter and John.



7. The Church Met to Pray.

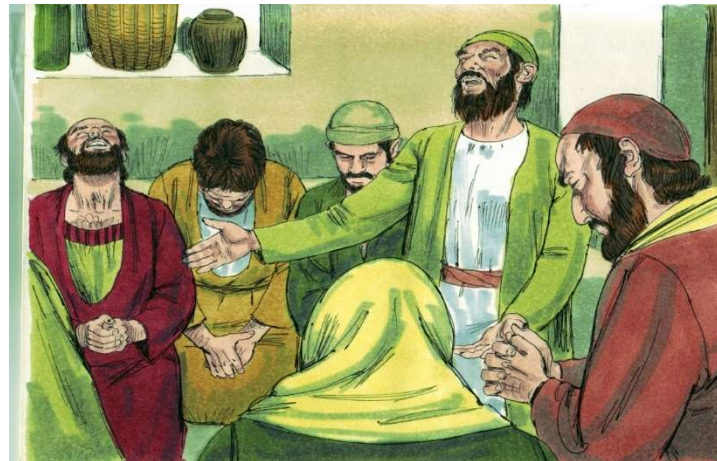


(Acts 4:23)

Peter and John told the church
all that happened.

(Acts 4:24-30)

The church prayed for God to help
them continue to be faithful
to Jesus' command.



(Acts 4:31-33)

As a result of the Jewish leaders
persecuting Peter and John,
good things happened:

1. The church grew together in **love** and **unity**.
2. The Holy Spirit filled the believers helping them to **witness** about Jesus.

