

Words of Acts

In Christ Alone

“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” (Acts 4:12).

The Opposition (1-7)

Priests, captain of the temple guard, and Sadducees (1); rulers, elders, scribes, Annas, Caiaphas (5) – Why?

Why are people opposed to the message today?

- *Unbelief*
- *Indifference*
- *Immorality*
- *Selfishness*

The Defense (8-11)

*“By the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene,
- whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead,
- by this name this man stands here in good health.”*

*“He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED BY YOU, THE BUILDERS, WHO BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER STONE**” (v. 11, Psalm 118:22).*

“And there is salvation in no one else; there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved” (12).

The Questions (12)

“What about those who are sincere?”

“What about other religions?”

“What about the people who live good lives?”

“What about those who have never heard the gospel?”

“What about those hurt by the church and left?”

We must remember: *all truth is exclusive; if something is true, that which disagrees with it must be false.*

Opposite views can both be wrong, but both cannot be right. Only Jesus is right: “I am the way” (John 14:6).

Concluding Convictions

- The gospel message will never be *popular*.
- Our courage comes from the *truth* of that message.
- If challenged, do you *know* what you would do?
- Remember: “*to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*”
(*Ephesians 3:21*).