The Brand… Jesus!
Acts 4:12

Sermon Outline

A. Salvation is in No One Else (vs. 12a):

1. The core of the message concerned the resurrection (4:10) based on the Scripture of Psalm 118:22. The resurrection was seen as God’s affirmation of Jesus the Messiah. Humans rejected the stone; God put it back in place permanently. \(^1\)

2. This is always going to be this way. Salvation in Christ is continuously this way.

3. The bondage of sin is immediately removed for anyone who believes in the name of Christ. This victory can lead them to be delivered from the ill effects of day to day life (James 5:16). Deliverance from this life to the life come (Ephesians 1:14).

   a) Salvation “in the name” (v. 12) alludes to Peter’s earlier exposition of Joel 2:32 (Acts 2:21). The term translated “saved” includes making whole (i.e., healing the man—so v. 9, literally). Peter learned this use of Psalm 118:22, cited here in verse 11, from Jesus; see Luke 20:17.\(^2\)

   b) In context, salvation refers to spiritual deliverance from God’s wrath and sin. This leads to the renewing of the world and the fulfillment of Israel’s promises (compare 3:19–20).\(^3\)

4. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Elijah or no one on the Sanhedrin has the power demonstrated by Jesus the Christ in overcoming death, nor can they provide eternal life. No one was able to heal the man who was at the temple for years. Notice the double negative “not… in no one.”

B. There is No Other Name (12b):

1. There will forever be no other name.

2. The name represents:

   a) The mark of His nature or character.

   b) Power

   c) Authority

   d) It refers to all that is true of God in His glory, majesty and might.

   e) Privilege – pray in His name.

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3. There is no name on earth that can compare with Christ. Christ rules the spiritual and natural world.
4. God put in place a permanent gift that will continue in its present state so that man can constantly draw upon it.
5. His name caused people to be healed and demons to tremble.
6. God provided Christ to all mankind. This is a name that can be recognized among men.
7. A person who believes in Christ will be delivered from the bondage of sin because they are immediately provided spiritual and eternal salvation through God after being drawn to God through the Holy Spirit (John 6:44). We are delivered from sin; empowered to live.