



## **Rejected, then Celebrated**

Acts 4:1-12

**Listen:** One of our foundational decisions in life is whether we can make it on our own or whether we need to seek some help outside of ourselves.

**Why talk about this?** God, in this passage, makes a powerful declaration about this decision—you may need to reconsider your conclusion on this decision.

**The Classic Anatomy of Ministry—the way it always goes in this world:**

**First, empowered by the Holy Spirit, proclaim that Jesus is the only Source of rescue in this world. (vv1a, 2b, 8-12)**

- Jesus:
- Rejected:
- Resurrected:
- Cornerstone:
- Rescuer:

**Second, suffer the opposition to your message and your person from a variety of sources. (vv 1b, 2a, 3, 5-7)**

- Priests:
- Captain of the guard:
- Sadducees:
- Rulers:
- Scribes:
- Annas, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, all of high-priestly descent:
- NB: These are all people who have power and authority and privilege and vested interest in the status quo of Judaism.
- Jail:
- Questioning:

**Third, see others believe the message and trust Christ for forgiveness. (v 4)**  
**Romans 10:**

- Many:
- (Sent):
- (Speak):
- Hear:
- Believe:
- Forgiven/rescued:
- Romans 10:13-15.

**The Central Truth:** The only Source of rescue...is Jesus.

**For Instance:**

**Application:** Jesus will rescue us from:

- Eternal punishment for our sins: John 3:16.
- A meaningless life: John 10:10.
- Bondage to addictive things: John 8:31, 32.
- Self-absorbed living: John 12:23-26.
- Relational unkindness: John 13:34.
- Loneliness: John 15:15-17.
- **Bottom line:** Jesus is the Cornerstone not just for salvation but for every single aspect of our lives—He is the One who ties everything together.

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# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**The Central Idea:** The only Source of rescue...is Jesus—and He rescues us from a lot of trouble.

**Following Christ is a daily deal.** Please take some time each day this week to pray and think through these passages:

- Today: Read and reflect on John 3:16.
- Monday: Read and reflect on John 10:10.
- Tuesday: Read and reflect on John 8:31, 32.
- Wednesday: Read and reflect on John 12:23-26.
- Thursday: Read and reflect on John 13:34.
- Friday: Read and reflect on John 15:15-17.
- Saturday: Read and reflect on Acts 4:13-22 for tomorrow.

*“Can you really make it alone?”*