

**Acts 4:1-14** While they were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple police, and the Sadducees confronted them, <sup>2</sup> because they were annoyed that they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> So they seized them and took them into custody until the next day since it was already evening. <sup>4</sup> But many of those who heard the message believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. <sup>5</sup> The next day, their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem <sup>6</sup> with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all the members of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup> After they had Peter and John stand before them, they began to question them: “By what power or in what name have you done this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit and said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders: <sup>9</sup> If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a disabled man, by what means he was healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified and whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing here before you healthy. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is **the stone rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.** <sup>12</sup> There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.” <sup>13</sup> When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> And since they saw the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

**Romans 8:1-11** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For what the law could not do since it was weakened by the flesh, God did. He condemned sin in the flesh by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as a sin offering, <sup>4</sup> in order that the law’s requirement would be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit have their minds set on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Now the mindset of the flesh is death, but the mindset of the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> The mindset of the flesh is hostile to God because it does not submit to God’s law. Indeed, it is unable to do so. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> Now if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, then he who raised Christ from the dead will also bring your mortal bodies to life through his Spirit who lives in you.

**Philippians 3:10-11, 20-21** My goal is to know him and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his sufferings, being conformed to his death, <sup>11</sup> assuming that I will somehow reach the resurrection from among the dead. <sup>20</sup> Our citizenship is in heaven, and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humble condition into the likeness of his glorious body, by the power that enables him to subject everything to himself.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, concerning those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, in the same way, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup> For we say this to you by a word from the Lord: We who are still alive at the Lord’s coming will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the archangel’s voice, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are still alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Revelation 4:8-10** When he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song: You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slaughtered, and you purchased people for God by your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. <sup>10</sup> You made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they will reign on the earth.