

“The Cornerstone Of Salvation!”

Acts 4:1-12

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Timing Of The Day

The 11th – 12th Hour: **5 - 6 PM**

Time Nearing Sunset & The Beginning Of A New Day For The Jews

Location Of Miracle

“Beautiful Gate” – Gate Dividing The Outer Court Of The Gentiles & The Inner Court Of The Women

Context & Location Of Teaching & Preaching

... Now as the lame man who was healed held on to **Peter** and **John**, **All the People** ran together to them in **Solomon’s Porch (Portico)**, and were greatly amazed. So, when **Peter** saw it, he responded to the people ... **Acts 3:11-12a**

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More About Location

“Solomon’s Portico” – Outer Court Of The Gentiles

Covered Walkway Where Everyone Mingled & Where Ideas Were Shared Debates, Teaching, & Preaching Concerning Philosophy & Theology

Overview Picture Of The Temple

Close Up Picture Of The Temple

Q: What Is The Significance To “Solomon’s Portico”?

A: Because It Was Where Jesus Came & Taught During The **Feast Of Hanukkah**
The **Feast of Dedication** is also known as **“Hanukkah”** and also as the **Festival of Lights**
“Hanukkah” is unique because it is not mentioned ~~✚~~ in the **“Torah”** – **“Law of Moses”**

More Context

Let's Go Back To Jerusalem In The Last Winter Of Jesus Life

Jesus Is The Good Shepherd

Whose Works (Miracles & Wonders) Are a "Sign"
Of The Coming of the Kingdom of God

1) "I AM The Shepherd of the Sheep" – John 10:2

Jesus said, "But He Who Enters by the Door is the Shepherd of the Sheep. To Him the Doorkeeper Opens, and the Sheep Hear His Voice; and He Calls His Own Sheep by Name and Leads Them Out. And when He Brings Out His Own Sheep, He Goes Before Them; and the Sheep Follow Him, for They Know His Voice." John 10:2-4

2) "I AM The Door Of The Sheep" – John 10:7b & 9a
"The Gate Called Beautiful"

Jesus said, "I have come that they may have Life, and that they may have Life More Abundantly!" John 10:10b

3) "I AM The Good Shepherd" – John 10:11a & 14a
"The Good Shepherd gives His Life for the sheep."

"And I know My Sheep and am known by My Own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My Life for the sheep. And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My Voice; and there will be One Flock and One Shepherd. Therefore, My Father loves Me, because I lay down My Life that I may take it again. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father." Therefore, there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings. And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?" Others said, "These are not the Words of One Who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?" John 10:14-21

Jesus' Words At The Feast Of Hanukkah

4) "My Sheep Know Me & I Know Them" – John 10:26b & 27a

"But you do not believe, because you are not of My Sheep, as I said to you.

My Sheep hear My Voice, and I Know Them, and they Follow Me." John 10:26-27

5) "I and My Father are One!" – John 10:30

"Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The Works (Signs & Wonders) that I Do In My Father's Name, They (Works) Bear Witness of Me."... I and My Father are One!" John 10:25 & 30

Now it was the Feast of Dedication (Hanukkah) in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked into the Temple, in Solomon's Portico. Then the Jews surrounded Jesus and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The Works (Signs & Wonders) that I Do In My Father's Name, They (Works) Bear Witness of Me. But you do not believe, because you are not of My Sheep, as I said to you. My Sheep hear My Voice, and I Know Them, and they Follow Me. And I Give Them Eternal Life, and They shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch Them Out Of My Hand. My Father, Who has given Them to Me, Is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch Them Out Of My Father's Hand. I and My Father are One!" Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. John 10:22-31 (NKJV)

6) ***“Father Is In Me, and I In Him!” – John 10:38b***

Jesus said to all the people gathered & the religious leaders, ***“Do you say of Him Whom the Father Sanctified and Sent Into the World, ‘You Are Blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I AM the Son of God’? If I Do Not Do the Works of My Father, Do Not Believe Me; but If I Do (His Works), though you do not believe Me, believe the Works, that you may know and believe that the Father Is In Me, and I In Him!”*** John 10:36-38

Back To The Immediate CONTEXT In The Temple In Solomon’s Portico

7) **Healing & Salvation Is Only Found In Jesus’ Name**

Q

“What Was The Outcome Of The Sign Of Healing Of The Lame Man & His Witness Of Praise In Conjunction With The Preaching & Teaching Of Peter & John?”

A

Another 2,000 Men Were Added That Day To The Faith!

A Rebellious & Unrepentant Man Makes His Inquiry Into These Events

And it came to pass, on the next day, that Their Rulers, Elders, and Scribes, as well as Annas the (Co-) High Priest with Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the Family of the High Priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when They had set ***Them (Peter & John)*** in the midst, They asked, **Q:** ***“By What Power or by What Name have you done This (Sign)?”*** Acts 4:3-7

God’s Answer Concerning Power¹ & Name²

Comes Through His Surrendered & Committed Man

A: Peter, Filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them,

“Rulers of the People and Elders of Israel: If We this day are judged for a Good Deed (Good Work) done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to You All, and to All the People of Israel, that by the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth², Whom You Crucified,² Whom God¹ Raised From The Dead,¹ by Him² this man stands here before you whole.” Acts 4:8-10

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Power¹ & Name² Become One & The Same In The Person of Jesus Christ The Lord³

“This is the ‘Stone³, Which was Rejected by you Builders, Which has become the Chief Cornerstone”³ Nor is there Salvation in any other, for there is No Other Name² Under Heaven given among men by Which We Must Be Saved!”¹ Acts 4:11-12

Ancient Prophecies Of King David Are Fulfilled In The Dawn Of This New Age!

“Open to me the Gates Of Righteousness; I will go through them, And I will Praise the Lord. This is the Gate of the Lord, Through which the Righteous Shall Enter. I will Praise You, For You have Answered Me, And have become My Salvation. The Stone which the Builders Rejected Has Become the Chief Cornerstone. This was the Lord’s Doing; It is Marvelous (Beautiful) In Our Eyes. This is the Day the Lord has made; we will Rejoice and be Glad in it.”

Psalm 118:19-24 (NKJV)

Jesus Confirmed He Was The Promised Chief Cornerstone (God In The Flesh)

Jesus Taught **Them**, **“Hear Now Another Parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to **Them**. Then last of all he sent his son to **Them**, saying, ‘**They will respect my son!**’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘**This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.**’ So, **They** (Jewish Religious Authorities) took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. **“Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?”** **They** (Jewish Religious Authorities) said to Him, **“He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.”** **Jesus** said to **Them**, **“Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The Stone which the builders rejected Has Become the Chief Cornerstone. This was the Lord's Doing, and It Is Marvelous (Beautiful) In Our Eyes’? Therefore, I say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a Nation bearing the fruits of it. And Whoever Falls On This Stone Will Be Broken; But On Whomever It Falls, It Will Grind Him To Powder!”** Now when the Chief Priests and Pharisees **Heard His Parables**, they perceived that He Was Speaking of **Them** (Jewish Religious Authorities). **But when They sought to lay hands on Him, They feared the multitudes**, because they took **Him for a Prophet**. **Matthew 21:33-46 (NKJV)****

Q

**“What is the Result Of Teaching & Preaching
In The Power Of The Holy Spirit?”**

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**True Mind, Heart, & Soul Conviction Of The Truth
Concerning Our Sins & Separation From God!**

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**True Sorrow & Grief & A Need For
Repentance & Turning Our Lives Back To God!**

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**A Deep Need To Be In An Everlasting Relationship
Of Love & Obedience With Our Will Surrendered & Submitted
To God's Will Under The Headship Of His Holy Spirit Living Within Us!**

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**A Deep Need To Proclaim Boldly By Teaching & Preaching
The Good News Of The Gospel Of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!**

Let Us Boldly Proclaim Our Chief Cornerstone Of Faith!

**“Let Us This Day, This Week, & Forevermore,
Boldly Proclaim By Our Teaching & Preaching,
That There Is Power In The Name Of Jesus Christ The Lord
To Heal & To Save Everyone Who
Will Believe In Him & Call On His Name,
For There Is No Other Name Under Heaven
Given Among Men By Which We Must Be Saved!”**