

Scripture: Acts 4

Lord's Day 11.29-30

Singing: 421:1, 4 – 221:1-3 – 66:1-4 – 103:1-4

## Peter's Sermon to the Council

I. Peter's Prop II. Peter's Text

### I. Peter's Prop

A. Peter's prop: *the man who was healed standing with them* (Acts 4:13)

1. His former condition pictures all of us unsaved

a. You are impotent (spiritually paralyzed)

b. You are hopeless humanly speaking

c. You are banished from communion with God

2. His present conditions pictures all of us saved by God's grace

a. Acts 4:10 pictures the *born-again soul* (2 Cor. 5:17)

b. Acts 3:8 pictures the *restored communion* with God

c. Acts 3:16 pictures the *future of every believer in Christ*

B. How did all this happen?

1. Peter points away from himself to Jesus (Acts 3:16; 4:10; Eph. 2:8)

### II. Peter's Text

A. Peter declared the Name of Jesus as *only* Name

1. Jesus is His personal name chosen by His Father

2. Jesus' name is the revelation of His purpose (Matt. 1:21; Cat. Q. 29)

B. Peter's sermon then is God's message today

1. Who or whatever you are, you are directed to look to Jesus

a. do not go to anyone else (Is. 43:11)

b. do not seek it in other people, no matter how saintly (Ps. 49:7-8)

c. do not try to be saintly in order to be saved (Cat. Q. 30)

Close: Your salvation from *guilt & power of sin* is in Almighty Savior!

A. Have you accepted the truth of your condition?

B. Let the dismal truth of yourself not cause you to despair of Jesus' truth

1. He is a complete Savior

a. in Him is everything necessary to be saved

b. with Him you are welcome

c. with Him you are secure

2. Have you received this Savior?