



#### #4 “The Inclusive Exclusivity of The Gospel”

##### **Truth Claim:**

Jesus Christ Is The Only Way In Which A Person Can Be Saved And Reconciled To God.

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:11-12

##### **Objections:**

#1. Claiming That Jesus Is The Only Way To God Is **INTELLECTUALLY** Arrogant.

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13

#2. Claiming That Jesus Is The Only Way To God Is **MORALLY** Superior.

“Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, a though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” Acts 3:12

#3. Claiming That Jesus Is The Only Way To God Is **RELIGIOUSLY** Exclusive.

“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” Acts 4:12

*“All Religions Are Exclusive, But Christianity Is The Most Inclusive Exclusivity There Is.” ~Timothy Keller~*

##### **The Danger:**

Will We **COMPROMISE** The Truth Of The Gospel To Appease Those Who Object.

But Peter and John answered them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.' Acts 4:19 -22

##### **The Response:**

They Prayed For **BOLDNESS** And Then, Empowered By The Holy Spirit, They Walked In It.

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:29-30

## **Life Group Discussion Guide**

(We believe that spiritual growth happens best in circles . life groups provide a safe and encouraging environment to experience authentic Christian community, growth faith and discover the life-giving truth of God’s Word. Connect. Grow. Move. For more info contact pastor [Joshua@waipunachapel.com](mailto:Joshua@waipunachapel.com))

1. What impacted you most from this weekend message?

2. Read Acts 4:5-22 together with your group. As you read, pause to briefly discuss words, phrases or statements in the text that stand out to you.
3. Consider the truth claim: “*Jesus Christ Is The Only Way In Which A Person Can Be Saved And Reconciled To God*” (see Acts 4:12, John 14:6). Why do you think this is so difficult for people to accept?
4. Consider some of the objections Pastor Shaun shared that people have to this claim. In your experience are they valid? Why or why not?
5. When Peter said “*Jesus is ‘the stone you builders rejected , which has become the cornerstone’*” (see Acts 4:11 & Psalm 118:22). What do you think he meant?
6. The function of a “cornerstone” is to set the foundation of a building. It sets the dimension and shape of the entire building. How has the Gospel acted as a “cornerstone” in the building of your life?
7. Acts 4 shows us that whenever the Gospel is faithfully preached there will be those who respond to the offer of pardon and then follow Him and there are those who will be offended by the offer and seek to marginalize, silence or persecute those that embrace it. Why do you think this is?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 1:22-24. Why do you think Jesus is a “stumbling block” to so many?
9. Pastor Shaun pointed out that one of the dangers that the church has always faced is that “*We Will Compromise The Truth Of The Gospel To Appease Those Who Object*”. Have you seen this to be true in the church? Have you seen this to be true in your own life? If so, how?
10. The early church’s response to those who would try to marginalize, silence or persecute them was to pray for increasing “boldness” (See Acts 4:29). Boldness is not being loud or rude but is being courageous in the face of actual or possible danger. Consider ways that you can be more bold in your Christian witness. As a group pray that God would give you boldness to be his witnesses.

#### **Week 4 S.O.A.P Journal Reading Plan**

(**S**cripture-**O**bservation-**A**pplication-**P**ray)

Monday	Acts 7:30-53
Tuesday	Acts 7:54-8:8
Wednesday	Acts 8:9-25
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40
Friday	Acts 9-16a

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