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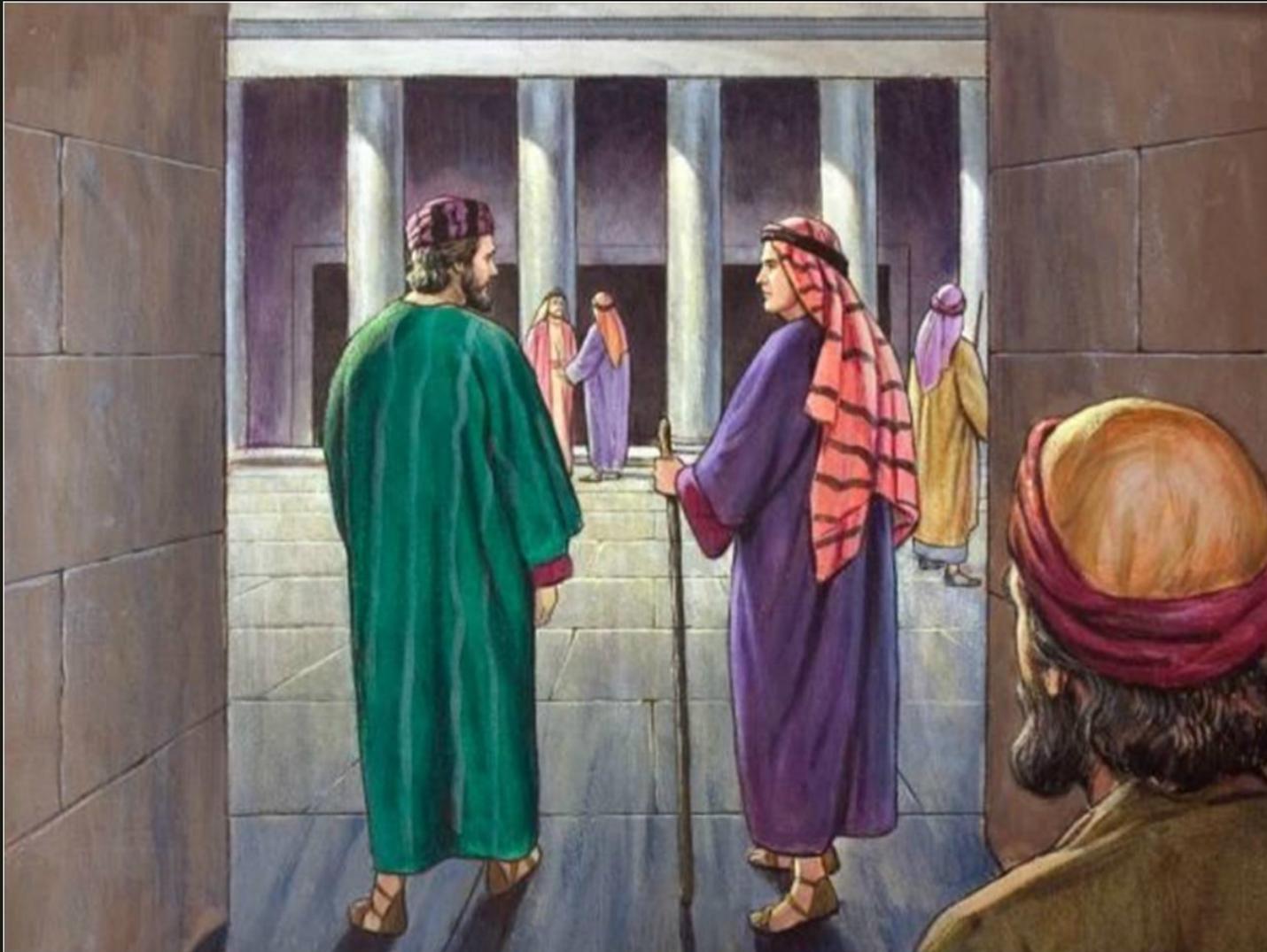
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Acts 4:13



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Acts 3:1

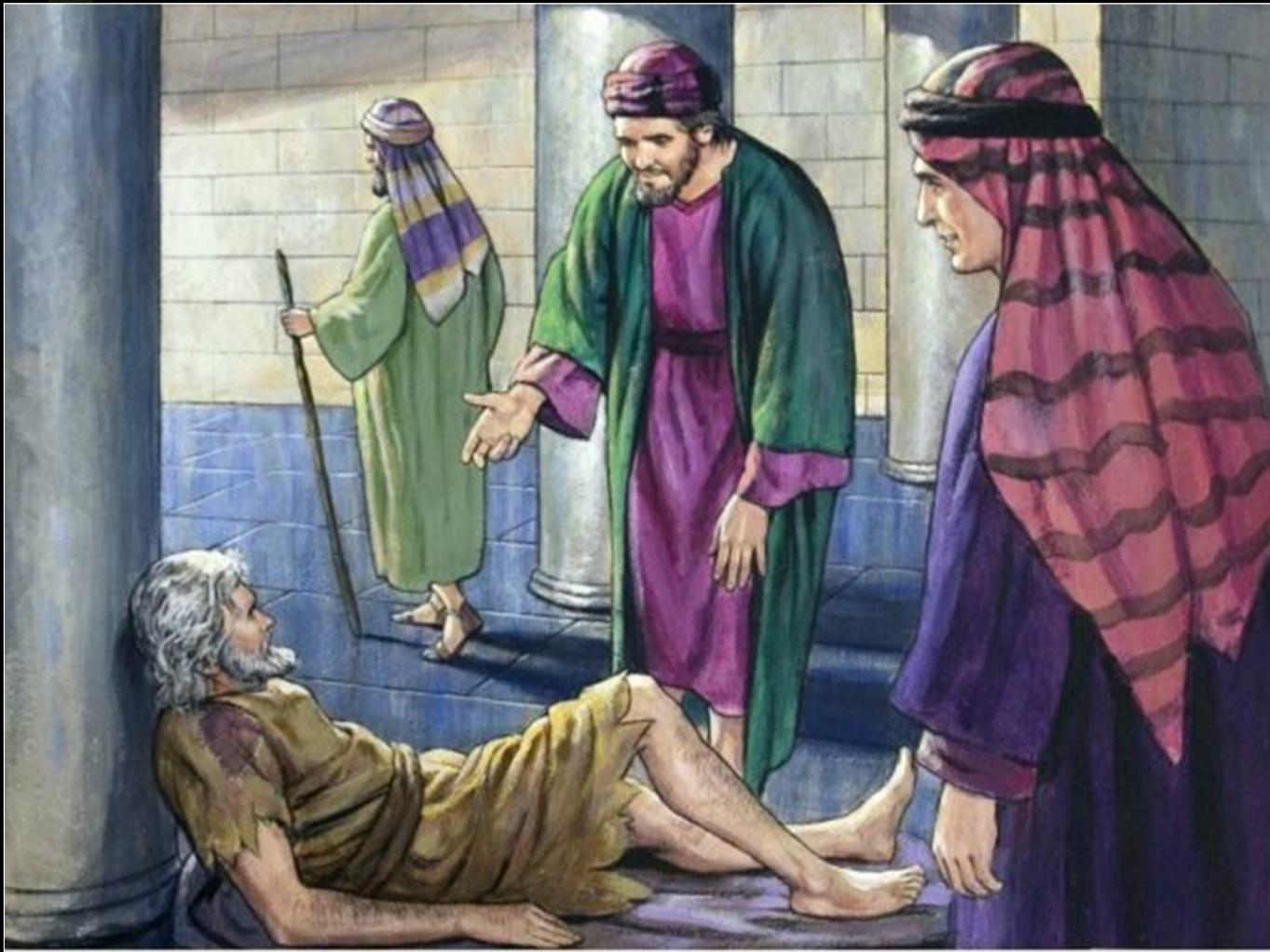
One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer – at three in the afternoon.



Acts 3:2-3

² Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.



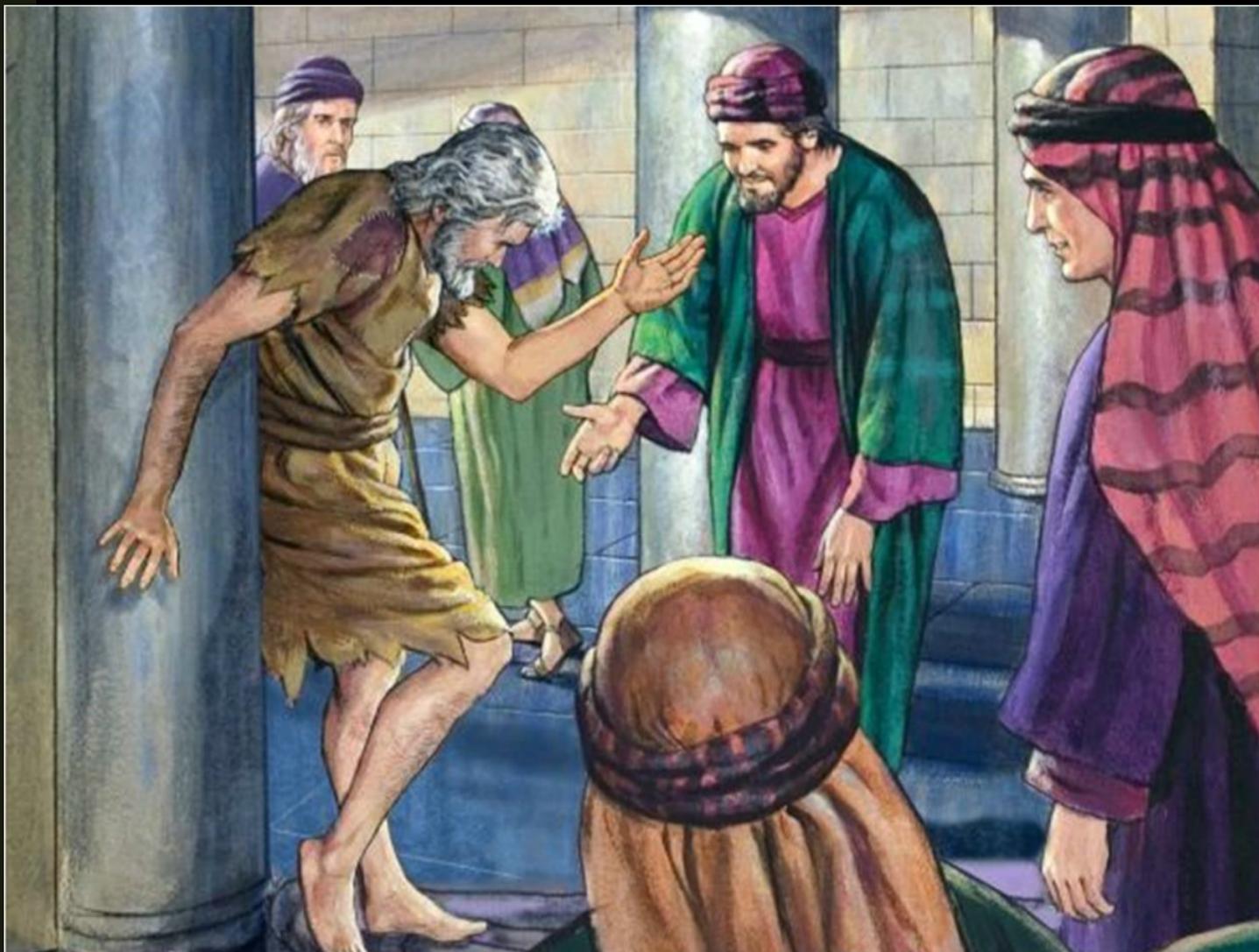
Acts 3:4-6

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

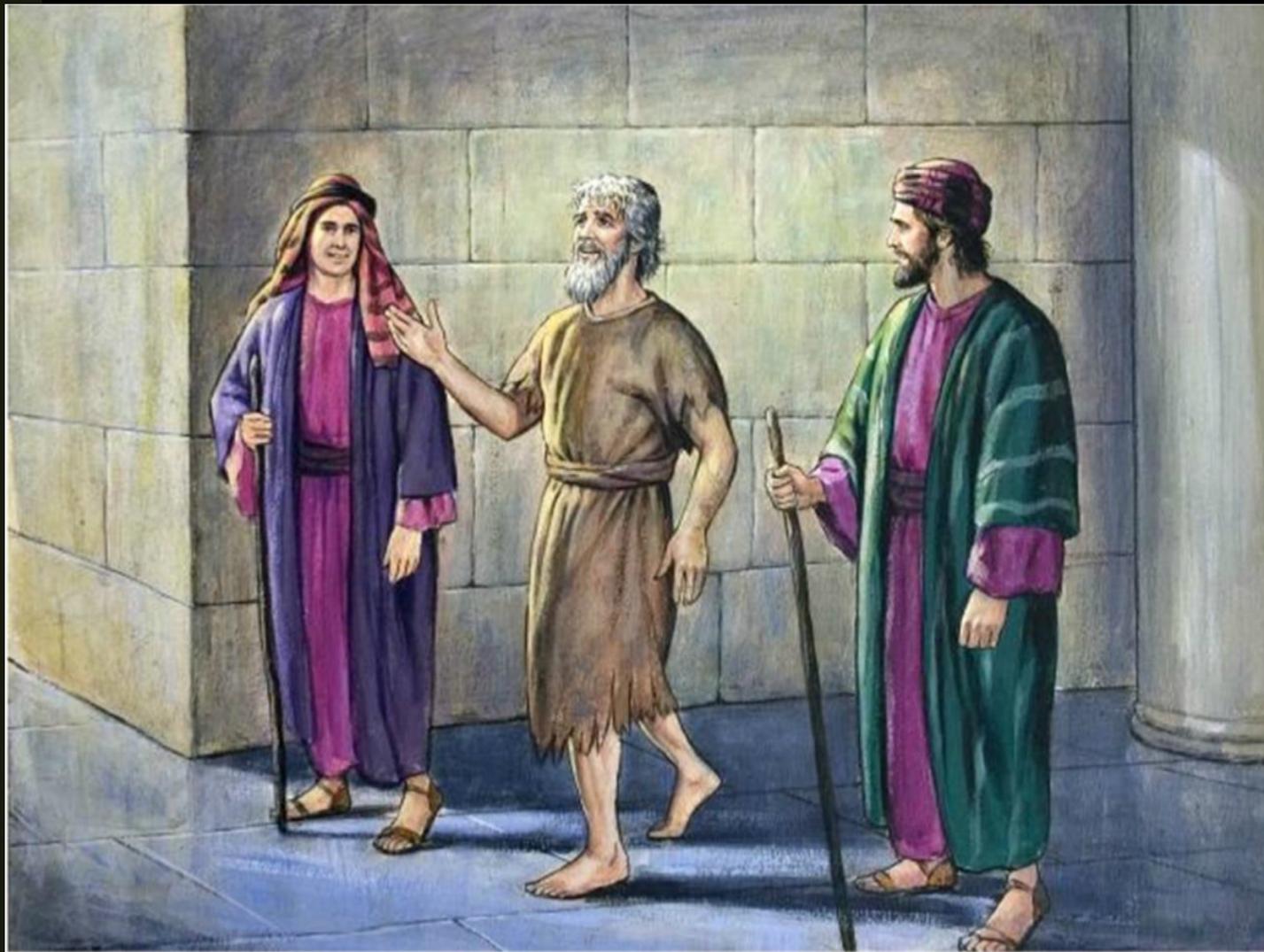


Acts 3:7

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

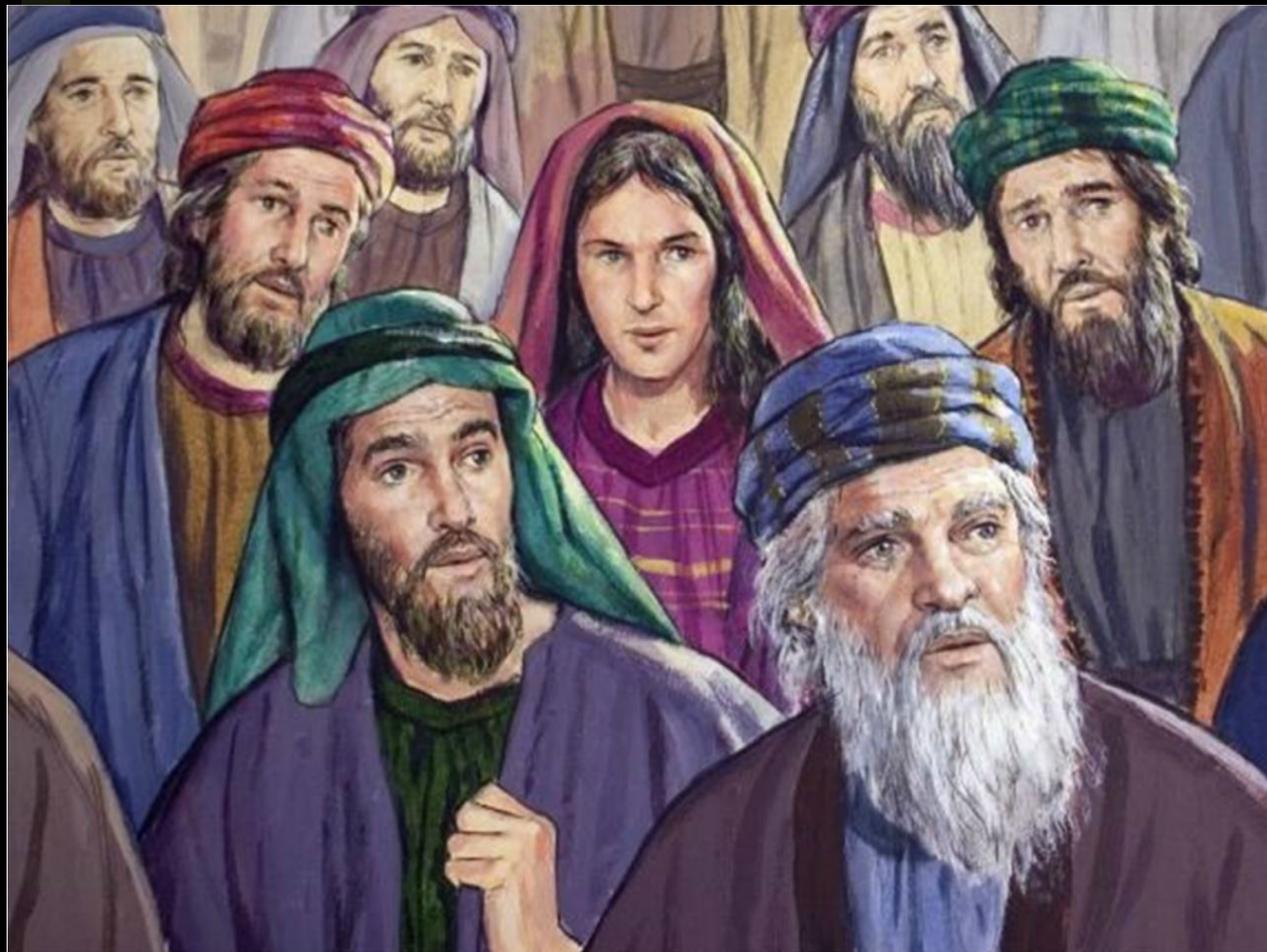


Acts 3:8
***He jumped
to his feet
and***



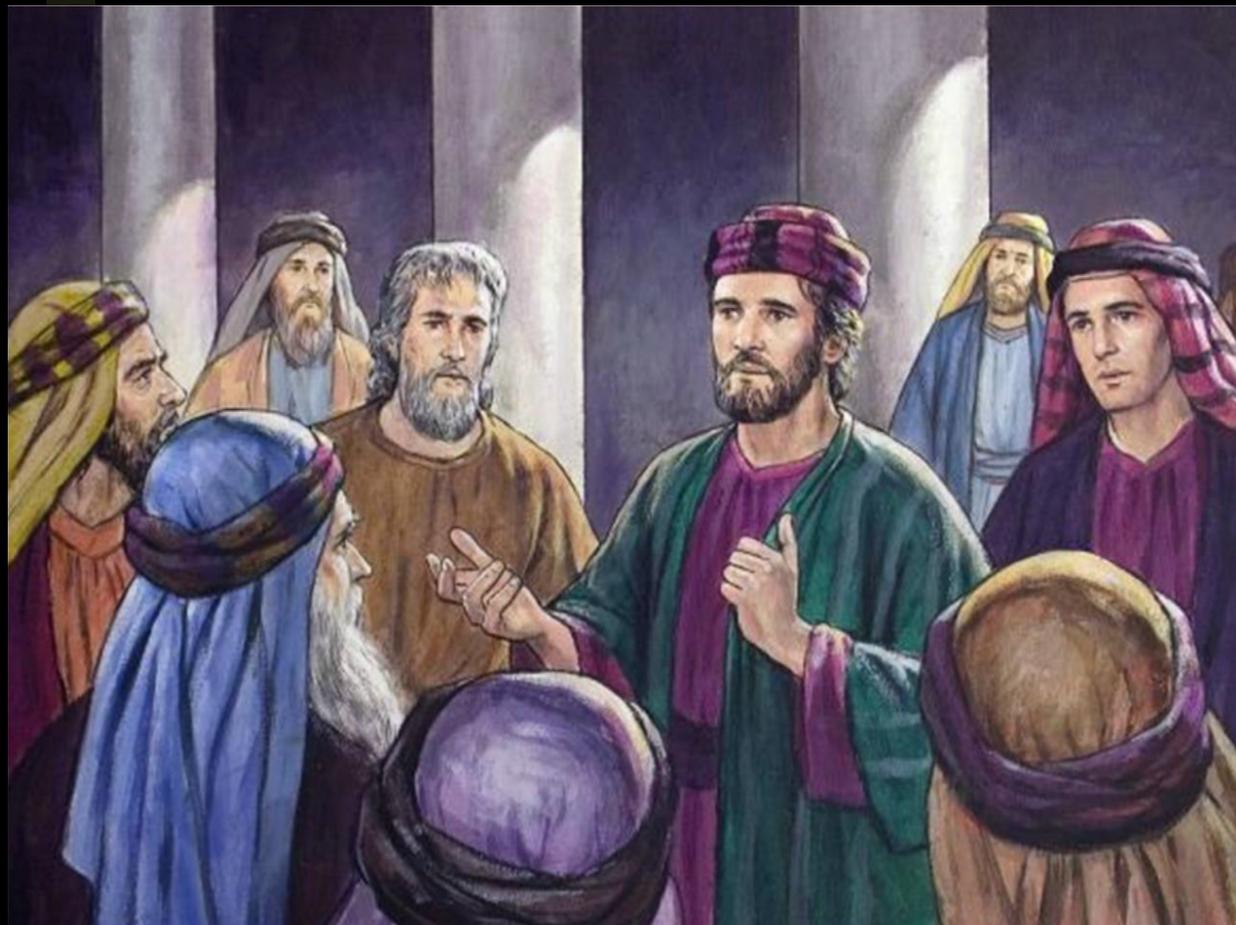
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***...and began to walk.
Then he went with
them into the temple
courts, walking and
jumping, and praising
God.***



Acts 3:9-10

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



Acts 3:11-12

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"



Acts 3:13-16

- 13 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed Him over to be killed, and you disowned Him before Pilate, though he had decided to let Him go.*
- 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.*
- 15 You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.*
- 16 **BY FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS**, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is **JESUS' NAME AND THE FAITH THAT COMES THROUGH HIM** that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.*



Acts 3:17-26

"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

But this is how God fulfilled what He had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Christ would suffer.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.

He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as He promised long ago through His holy prophets.

Acts 3:17-26



For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything He tells you.

Anyone who does not listen to Him will be completely cut off from among his people.'

"Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers.

He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'

When God raised up His servant, He sent Him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."



Acts 4:1-2

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.



Acts 4:3-4

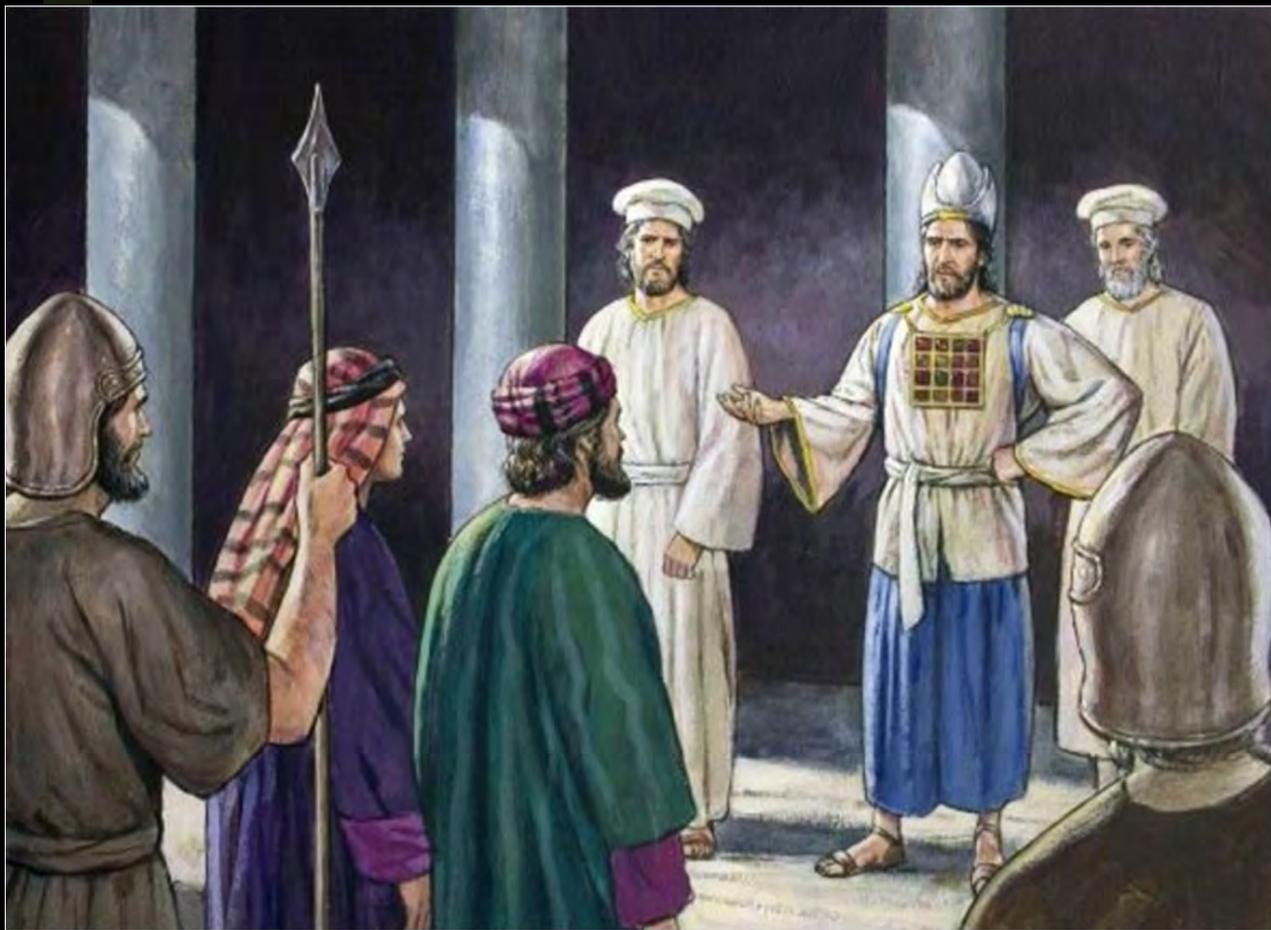
They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

Acts 4:5-7

The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.

Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family.

They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"





Acts 4:8-12

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them:
"Rulers and elders of the people!

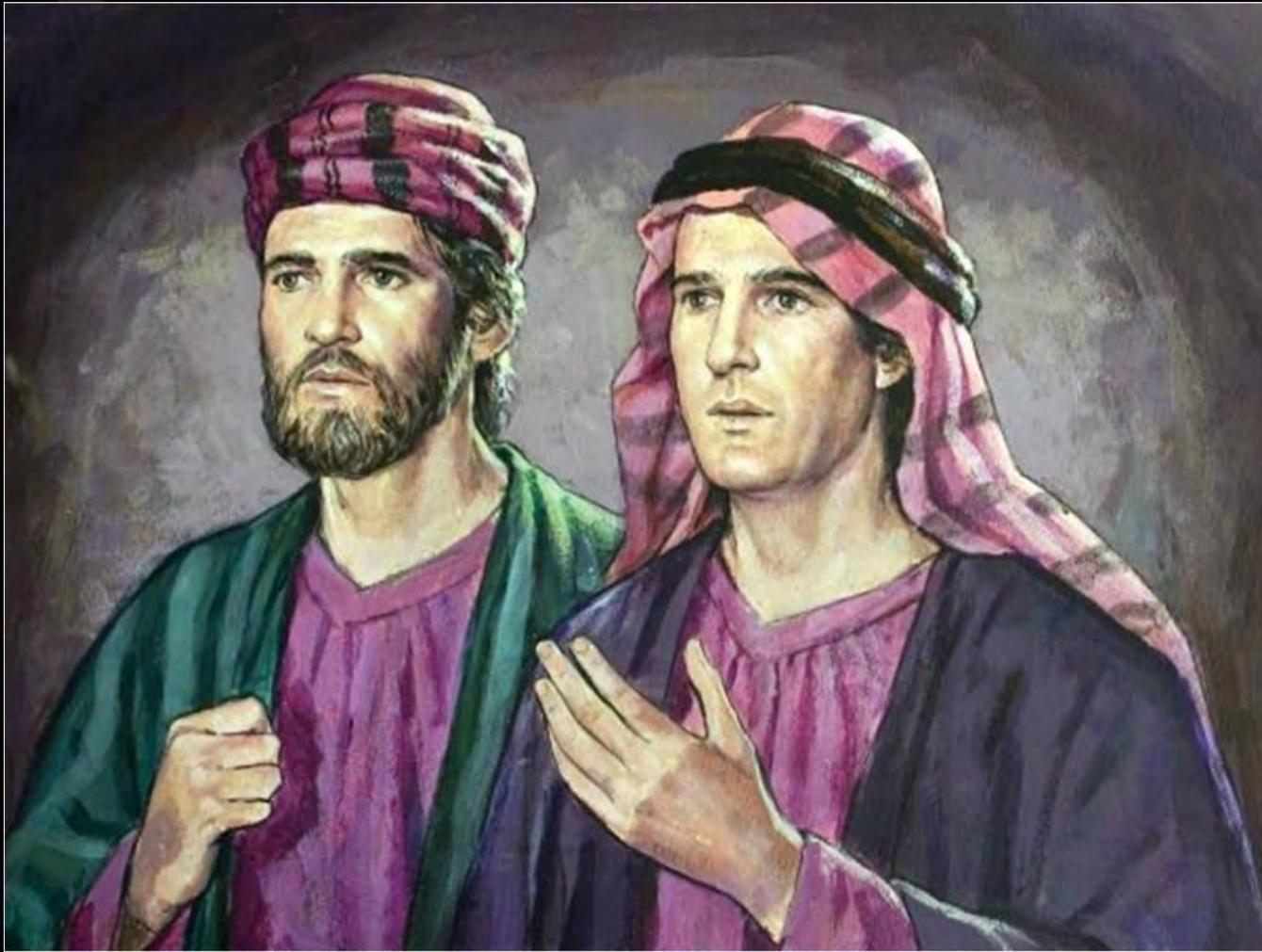
⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed,

¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

¹¹ He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:13-14

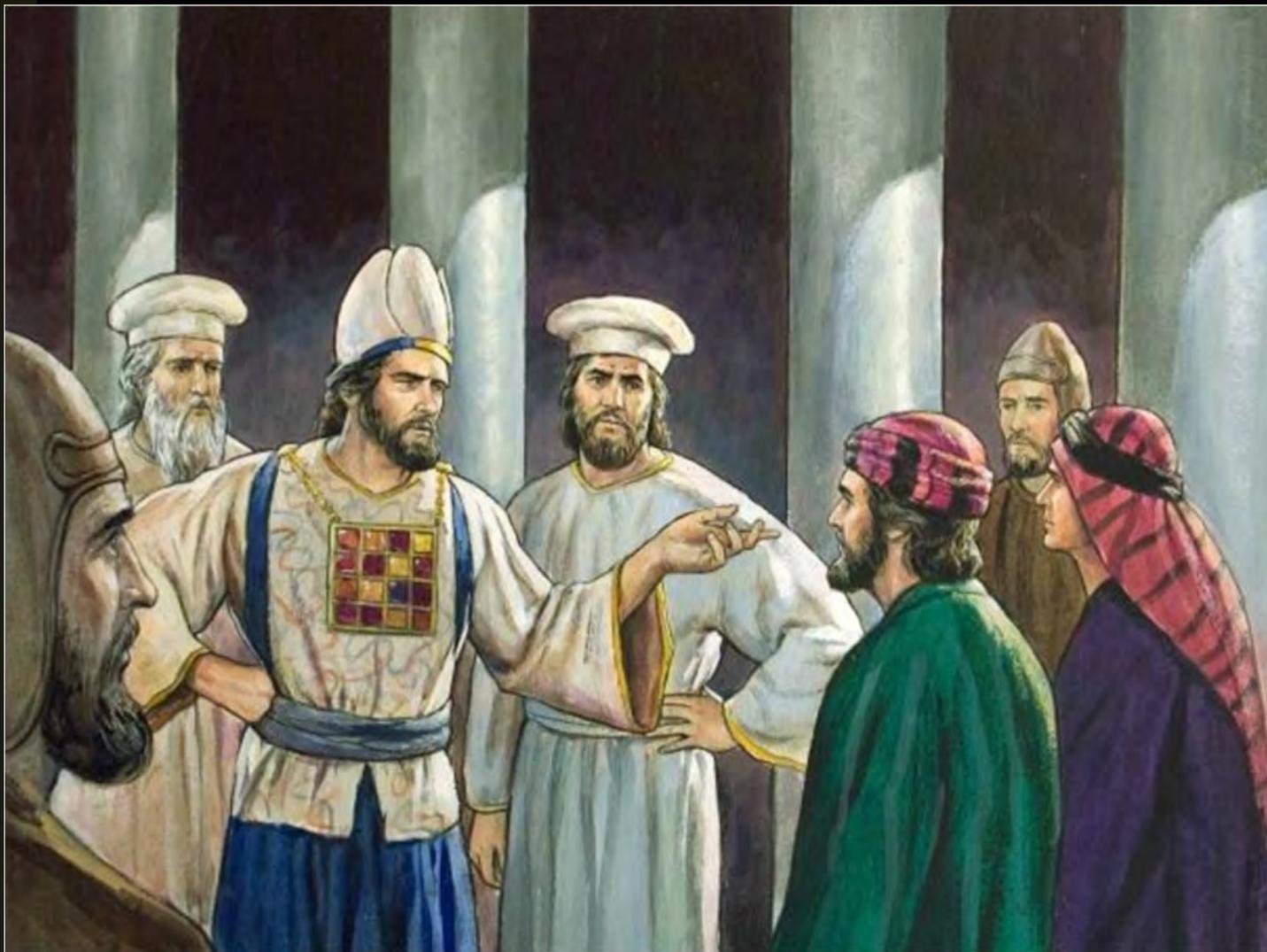


*¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and **THEY TOOK NOTE THAT THESE MEN HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.***

¹⁴ But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

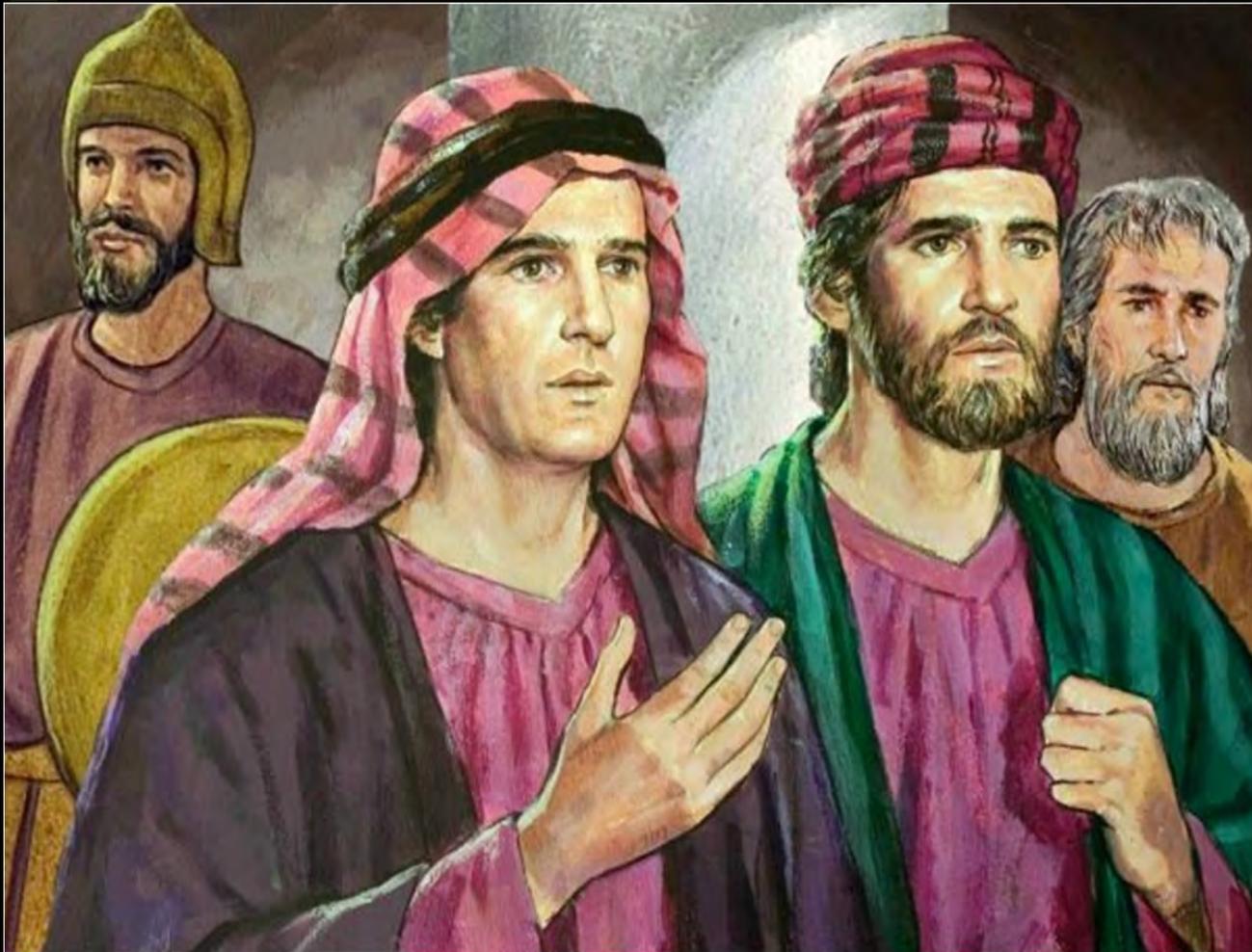
Acts 4:15-17

- 15 So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.***
- 16 "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it.***
- 17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."***



Acts 4:18

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.



Acts 4:19-20

*19 But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God.
20 For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."*



Acts 3:16

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Having BEEN WITH JESUS ...

- **FAITH in Jesus ...**
- **FAITH through Jesus ...**

What then is FAITH ?



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“FAITH”



Bible Definition of Faith

Ref Heb 11:1

“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and...

In our Mind

Know....

Intellectual Assent...

Mental agreement...

... certain of what we do not see.”

In our Life ...a certainty, trust...

Action...

Response...



FAITH

Knowledge...

- Knowing that this chair can support a person who sits on it.

Action...

- Actually sitting on the chair.



FAITH

Knowledge...

- Believing that Jesus is God who died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins ... Is good but not enough...

Action...

- “Sitting in the chair of salvation” that Jesus Christ has provided...



FAITH Knowledge...

We

- **believe what the Bible says**
- **believe the promises of God...**
- **agree with the truth of God's Word...**



FAITH : Action/Response...

- **we are to obey it...**
- **we are to live accordingly...**
- **we are to allow ourselves to be transformed by it...**





Q: What is a “NOUN”

□ A noun is a kind of word that is usually the name of something such as a person, place, thing, quality, or idea.

Q: What is a “VERB”

□ Verbs are words that express action or state of being.





FAITH !!

Wikipedia Definition of the 'Christian Faith' :

Gk Root-Word : '*pistis*'

Also - "belief", "faithfulness" or "trust"

Christian faith has its origin in God and is aligned with the ideals and the example of the life of Jesus.

To a Christian, faith is not static but causes one to learn more of God and to grow...



FAITH !!

Wikipedia Definition of Christian Faith (cont) :

- ❑ Faith is not only simple obedience to a set of rules or statements but causes change as it seeks a greater understanding of God.
- ❑ Before Christians have faith, they must understand in whom and in what they have faith.
- ❑ Without understanding, there cannot be true faith, and that understanding is built on
 - *the foundation of the community of believers,*
 - *the scriptures,*
 - *the traditions and*
 - *on the personal experiences of the believer.*





FAITH !!

QUESTION:

Is FAITH ...

■ a Noun

Or

■ a Verb

Grammatically speaking ...

FAITH is a Noun....

BUT...

'pistis' is a verb in Greek

Quote : In Hebrew - "there isn't even a noun form of the word "faith" ...

Faith is only expressed as a verb, because faith never exists apart from action"

FAITH is more than Intellectual

Knowledge or Assent

FAITH MUST RESULT IN ACTION

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James 2:14-18



- 14 What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?***
- 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.***
- 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?***
- 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.***
- 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do.***



James 2:20-24



- 20 You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?***
- 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar?***
- 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.***
- 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend.***
- 24 YOU SEE THAT A PERSON IS JUSTIFIED BY WHAT HE DOES AND NOT BY FAITH ALONE.***





James 2:25-26

25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?

26 As the body without the spirit is dead,

SO FAITH WITHOUT DEEDS IS DEAD.





Heb 11 the Great Chapter of FAITH

- Abel Offered
- Noah Built
- Abraham Went
- Abraham Offered
- Isaac Blessed
- Moses Left
- Joshua Marched
- Rahab Hid

- Faith is a conviction expressed in a choice.
- Faith is the basic ingredient to begin a relationship with God.
- It starts with belief, but if this “belief” does not lead to obedience, it is not yet faith.
- Your “belief” does not become true faith until you act upon it in obedience.
- **FAITH IS BELIEF IN ACTION.**

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Reading Thru The Bible **Topically**



Aim:

- To **KNOW** Our FAITH...
- To **WALK** Our FAITH...
- To **SHARE** Our FAITH...
- To **PROTECT** Our FAITH...

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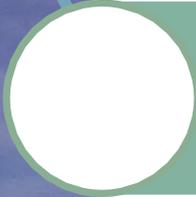
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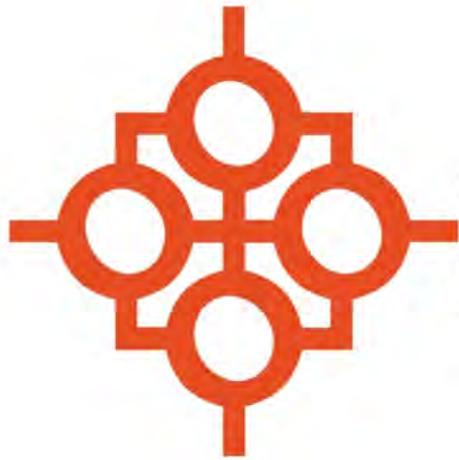
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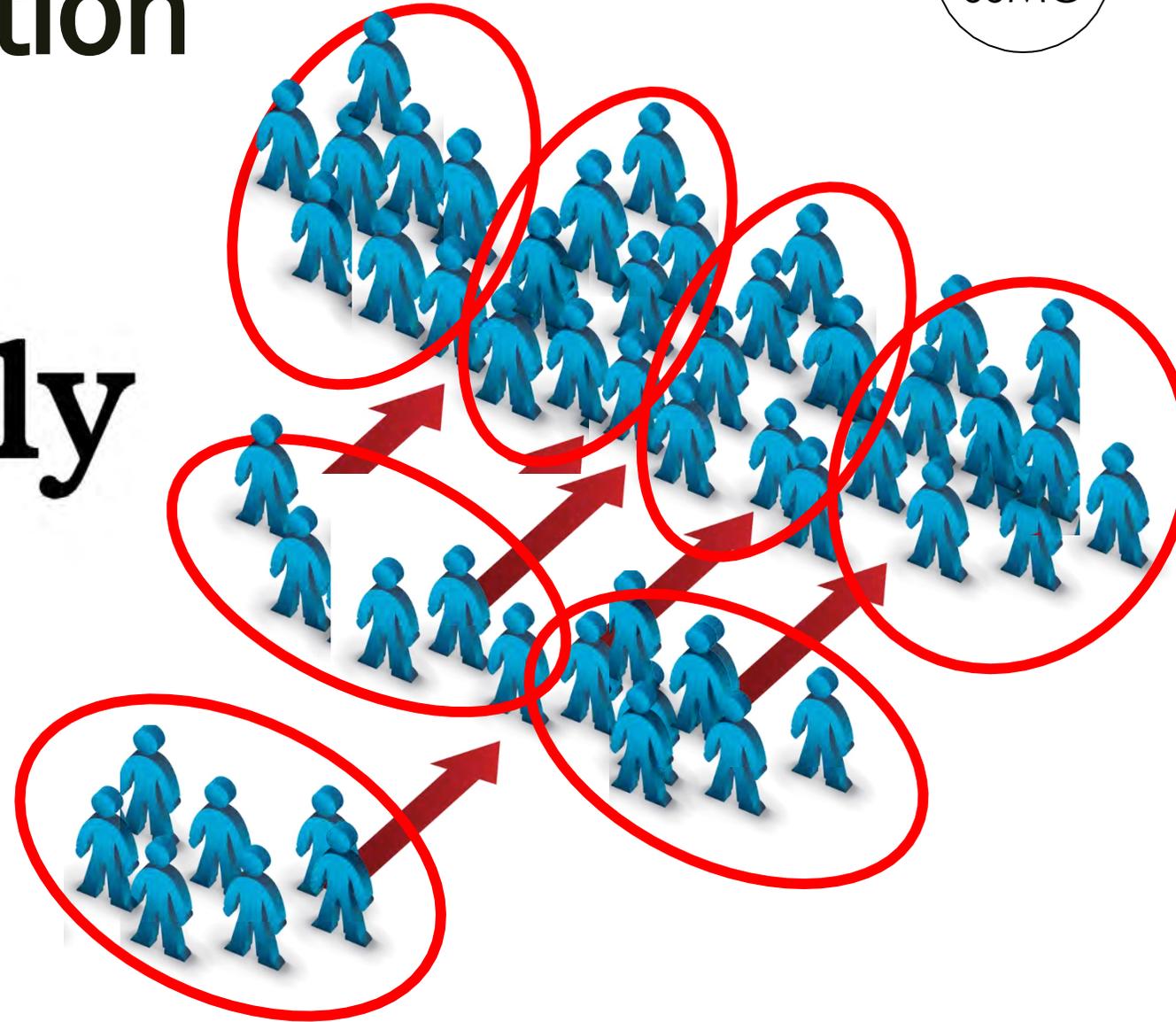
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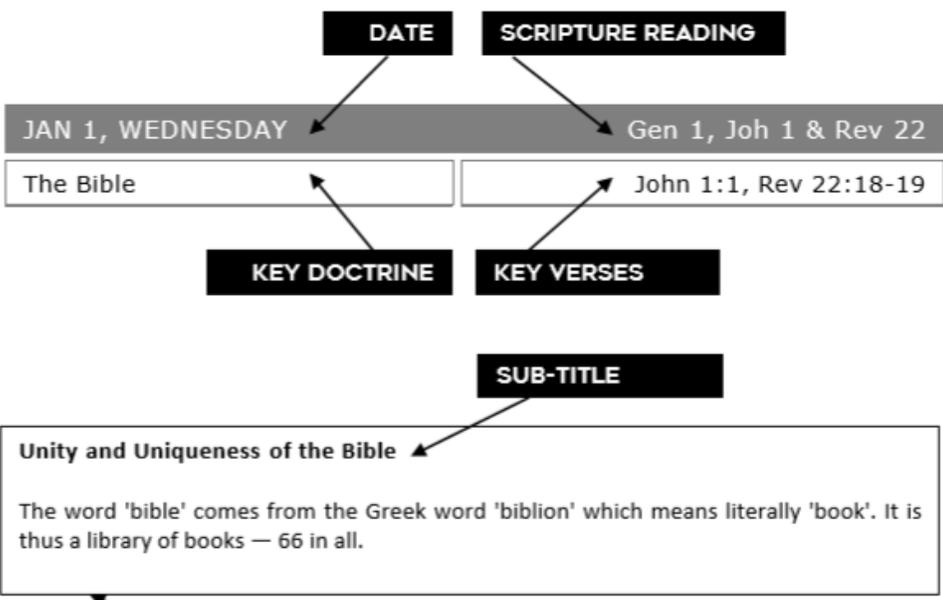
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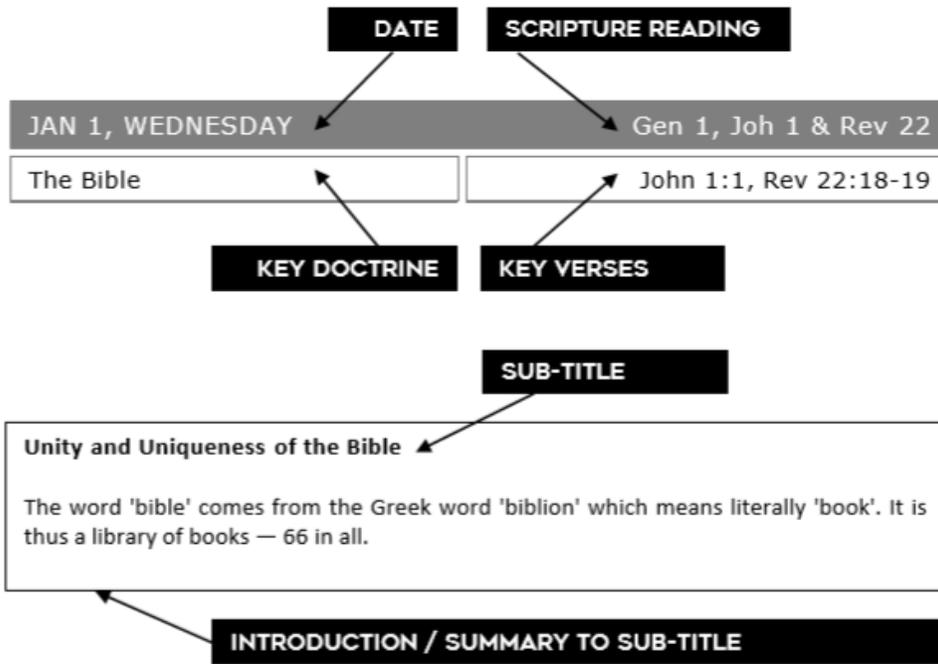
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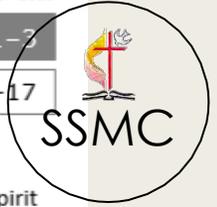
PREACHER

JAN 6, MONDAY

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Inspiration of the Bible

2 Ti 3:16-17



Verbal Plenary Inspiration

The Bible is the written Word of God. Its source is God Himself. God the Holy Spirit inspires Scriptures. The word used in 2 Timothy 3:16 is 'God-breathed'. God breathed out His Holy Word to men whom He had chosen to be His instruments and they wrote according to what God had given them.

The Scriptures were not done mechanically or by dictation. God did not simply take over a certain author's mind and hands and then He himself did the writing directly. Nor was it like the work of a stenographer where the authors just copied down what God said. What verbal plenary inspiration does mean is that all the words, forms of words, combination of words, and wording in the Bible are God's divine intention for Scripture. The words, phrases, and clauses work together to give us His message, and each portion of Scripture is purposefully there. So, the authors wrote what they were led to write (like Paul's epistles) or even under direct instruction from God (as the prophets did). But God had so prepared their backgrounds, cultures, education and experiences that they had the right words to use and to write with. The authors might not have been aware that their writings would become part of Holy Scripture but they knew what they said was from God and, therefore, was true and correct

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2. Special Days



Chinese New Year 25th Jan

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JAN 25, SATURDAY

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year (or Lunar New Year) is the Chinese festival that celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional Chinese calendar. The festival is usually referred to as the Spring Festival.

Originally cultural in nature, it has also imbibed some religious practices arising from Taoism & Buddhism.

Family members from near and far make all effort to gather for the CNY Eve Reunion Dinner. Hence it is an excellent occasion for family bonding and relationship building. As Christians of Chinese descent, we need to appreciate the rich Chinese culture and heritage.

How do Chinese Christians decide what practices to follow and what to avoid?

- 1) Distinguish what is CULTURAL and what is RELIGIOUS.
- 2) The "3 R's" Principle:
 - RETAIN what is cultural & beneficial
 - REJECT what is religious & demonic
 - REDEEM what is neutral

Action Points:

1. Read up & understand the meaning of the different CNY practices, in order to put into practice the "3 R's" Principle.
2. Make all effort to be home for CNY and be part of the family's tradition and celebration.
3. Be salt & light in your family. Do not condemn or be confrontational, but when opportunities arise, be bold to share your faith yet with gentleness and respect. (1 Pet 3:15)

Prayer:

1. Pray for yourself, and other believers in your family, that you all will be a good testimony to the rest.
2. Pray that at any opportune time you all will seize the moment sharing God's message with gentleness and respect
3. Pray for non-believers in your family that they will come to know Jesus.
4. You may want to listen to this SSMC sermon on the topic of CNY practices: <https://www.ssmc.com.my/christian-culture-series>
5. The origin of Chinese New Year: <https://www.travelchinaguide.com/essential/holidays/new-year/story.htm>



Valentine Day 14th Feb

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FEB 14, FRIDAY

Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, also called Saint Valentine's Day or the Feast of Saint Valentine, is celebrated annually on February 14.

St Valentine was a priest from Rome in the 3rd century AD.

Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad soldiers. Valentine felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was thrown in jail and sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on 14 February he sent her a love letter signed "from your Valentine."

As time went on, it became a day when people celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. They demonstrate their love by sending flowers, card and gifts to partners, family and friends.

Reflection:

- God's love - "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)
- Love for God - "If you love me, keep my commands." (John 14:15)
- Love for others - "For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. Whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4:20b-21)
- Love for the "unlovable" - "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? ... And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that." (Luke 6:32-33)

Action:

1. Write a note of appreciation to those who have demonstrated love to you.
2. Do an act of love and kindness to someone who needs encouragement.
3. More radical – go out of your way to show love to a stranger or an "unlovable" person.

Prayer:

1. Pray for blessings for your loved ones: more Christlikeness for those who know the Lord & knowledge of the Saviour for those who have yet to trust in Him.
2. Pray for blessings for someone whom you find very difficult to love



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FEB 26, WEDNESDAY

Gen 16; Psa 139; Pro 15

Names of God

Gen16:13; 2 Ch 16:9

El Roi: The God Who Sees

This name of God occurs only once in the Bible. When Hagar fled into the desert from the harsh treatment by her mistress, God appeared to her by a spring of water and told her to return. He promised to bless her. Hagar called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "El Roi", that is, "You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees" (Gen 16:13). The all-seeing God had noticed her distress and came to her to comfort and guide her life.

Yet, the essential attribute of God as all seeing is found throughout Scripture. The idea that God sees everything we do can be disturbing. But He is not watching to catch us in some sin but watching over us to care for us like a mother watches over her child. He is not a distant aloof God, but one who sees the needs of His people, hears our prayers and comes to our aid in times of trouble. He numbers the very hairs of our head. He knows everything about us. We are never out of His all-seeing protection.

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FEB 26, WEDNESDAY (Ash Wednesday)

Lent Meditation

To Pray is to Say, "Our Father"

"Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us?" (Malachi 2:10)

When we pray, we say "our Father" because if we pray "my Father", we develop a possessive attitude towards God. He is mine, my Father. "My Father" implies not your Father. This indicates a special right over God. When in fact "our Father" means we belong to Him. We do not own Him. He owns us.

As a worshipping community we share a corporate need. So we do not pray 'my Father' but 'our Father'.

The Fatherhood of God embraces the whole world, His creation. Fatherhood implies a family; and a family implies obligation. Hence, the Christian hatred of all barriers of race, segregation, of anything which degrades personality. So, we put the safety and well-being of another person above our own.

The South Africans use a word 'Ubuntu' which means 'I am who I am because of you'. We need one another in order to be ourselves.

Over to You

Think about walls which separate us. What is needed to break down these walls?

Think about people you cannot get along with. What are some ways you can consider to include these people in your circle of love?

For Further Reading

Isaiah 58:1-12; 64:8; Acts 10:34-43; 1 John 4:20; Philippians 2:1-11

Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, Holy is Your Name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on Earth as in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen



- **Lent Meditation included**
- **40 days before Easter**
- **Starts with Ash Wed 26th Feb to 11th April**



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Aim:

- To **KNOW** Our FAITH...
- To **WALK** Our FAITH...
- To **SHARE** Our FAITH...
- To **PROTECT** Our FAITH...

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