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***The Spirit
Empowered
Boldness***

Acts 4:1–22

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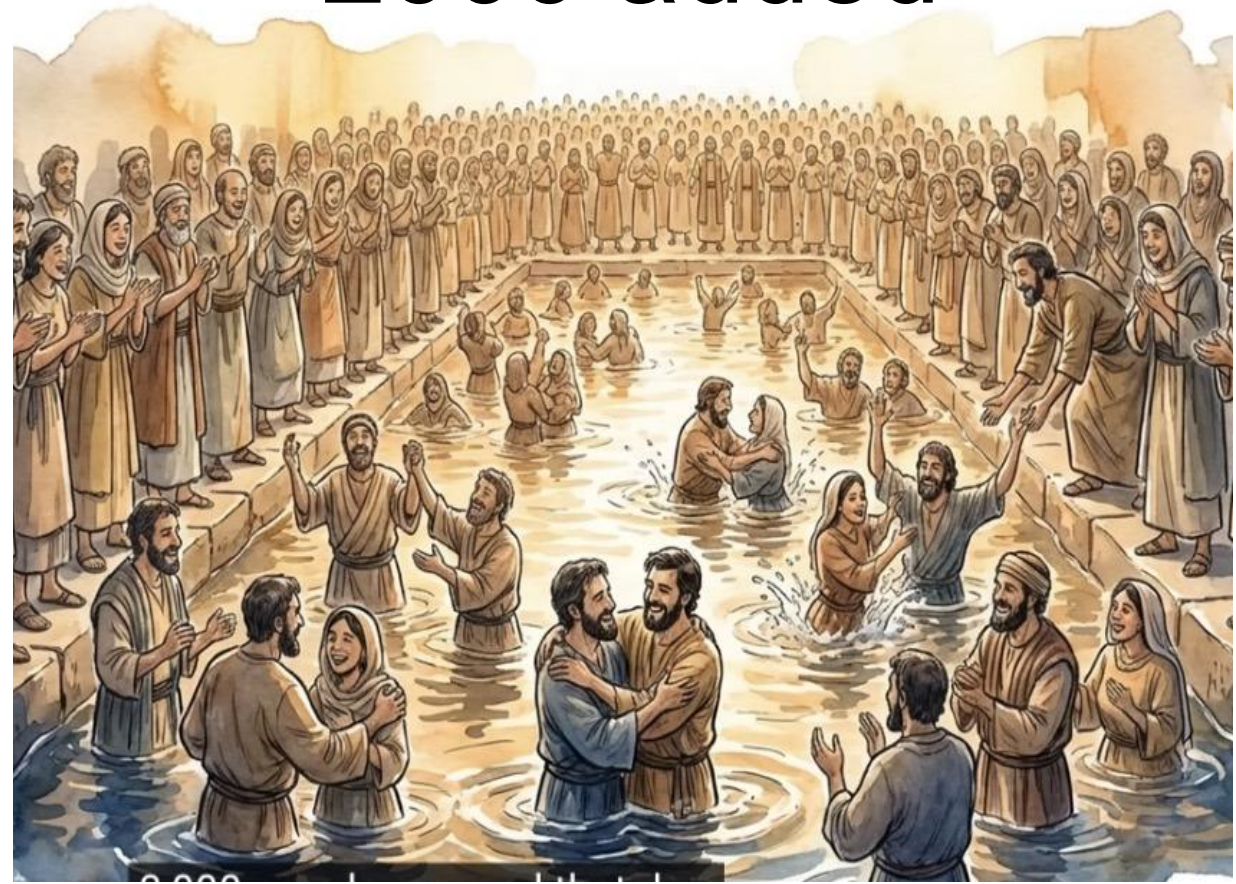
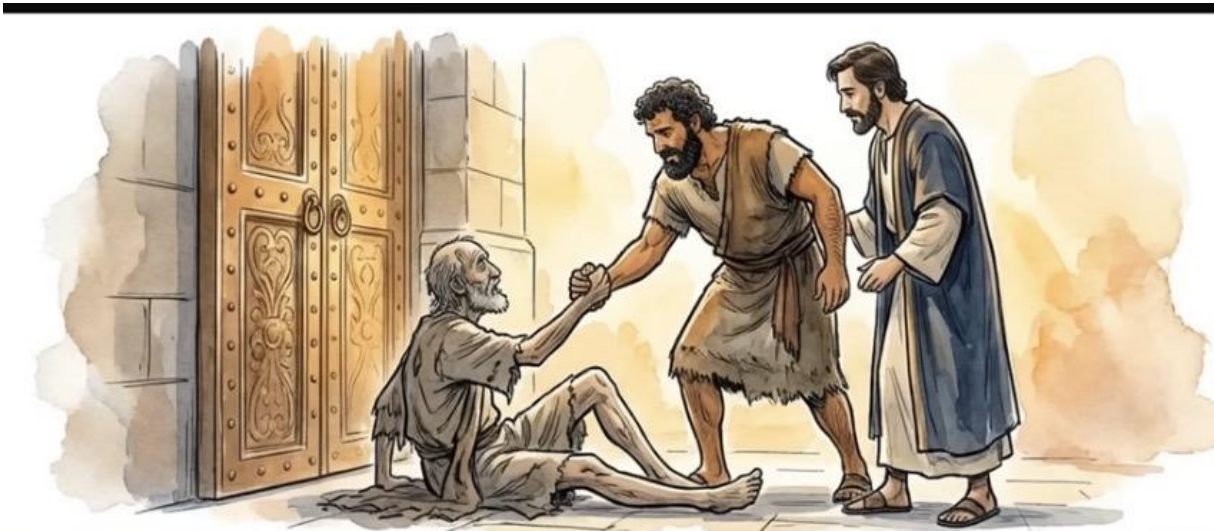
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Holy Spirit

A Spirit-filled church faces resistance as His good witnesses

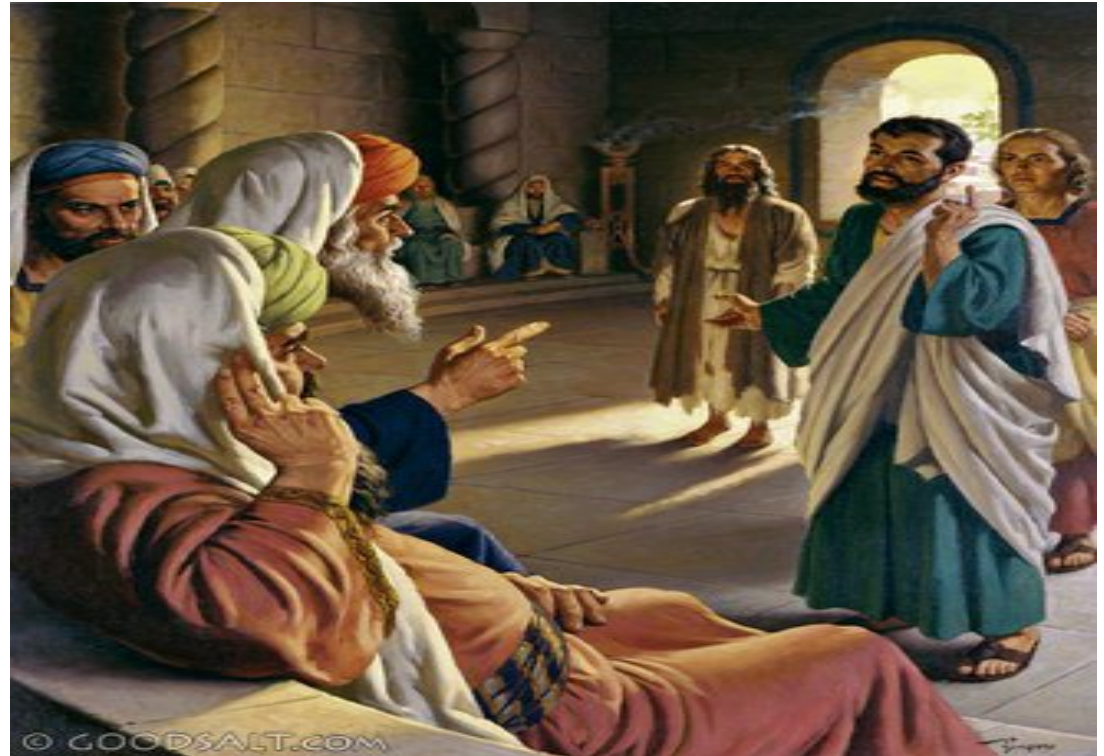
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2000 added



Acts 4:1-22 *The Spirit Empowered Boldness*

- 1. Faces opposition without fear*
- 2. Speaks with boldness through the Spirit*
- 3. Stand firm to proclaim and witness for Jesus*



1. Face Opposition Without Fear

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

The Message Provokes Resistance

The issue was not just healing but Jesus His resurrection, His authority, His power and the impact of the Gospel on life



Faithfulness led to arrest

*“They seized Peter and John...
and put them in jail...”*

**But something remarkable:
The church grew!**

*“Many who heard the message believed... the
number grew to about five thousand.”*

God is at work! 2000 Added!



2. Speaks with Boldness through the Spirit

⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: 'By what power or what name did you do this?'

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them...

An intimidating moment before the powerful leaders



A Clear and Courageous Witness

⁹ If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being 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.

**Jesus whom they crucified and
God raised from the dead
healed the man**





He quoted Psalm 118:22

Jesus was the one they have rejected!

*Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.”*

He declared salvation to them

*“Salvation is found in no one else for there is no other name under
heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”*

Peter's Declaration:

No compromise. No dilution. No fear.

**A Spirit-led church witness
and proclaim salvation boldly**

- *Speaks truth clearly*
- *Stands firm in conviction*
- *Proclaims Christ without fear*

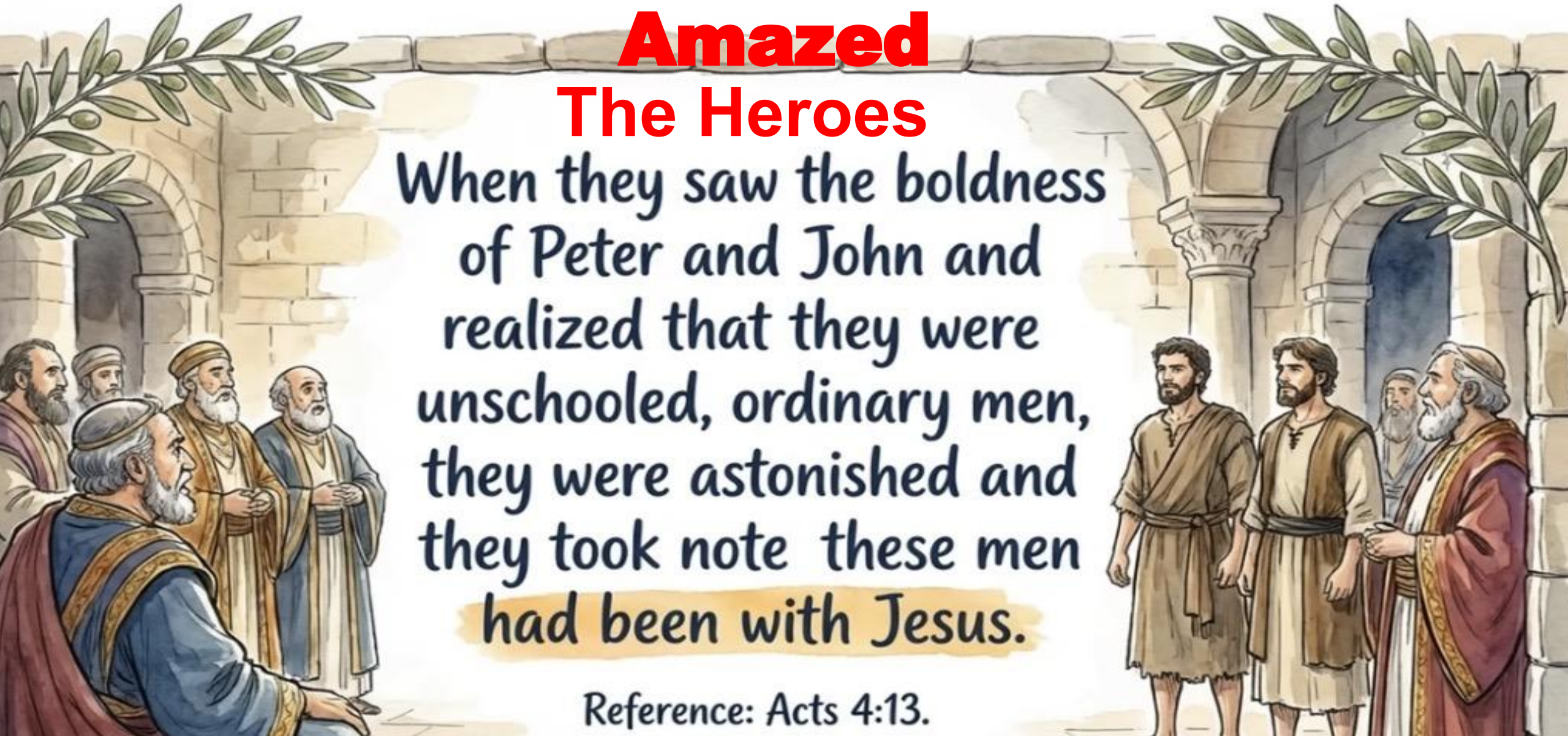


The Leaders were

Amazed The Heroes

When they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note these men had been with Jesus.

Reference: Acts 4:13.



A Spirit-Filled Boldness and Courage



Disciples of Jesus

A Personal Relationship with Jesus

They were Stuck!

Save Facing Act

...commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus...

3. Stand Firm to Proclaim and Witness for Christ

Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges!"

Chooses Obedience Over Silence
God is of A Higher Authority





An Unstoppable Testimony

As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

“We cannot help it”

- Fears God more than people
- Obeys God above all else
- Boldly witness for Jesus

The Spirit Empowered Boldness Under Pressure

A Spirit-filled Church *Stands firm for Jesus*

- *Faces opposition without fear*
- *Speaks with boldness through the Spirit*
- *Stand firm to proclaim and witness for Jesus*



**The same Holy Spirit
who empowered Peter
and John is with us today**

- *Are we a church that retreats under pressure?*
- *Or are we a church that stands firm and speaks?*



Look at
persecuted church
in China.
Samuel Lamb

*“More persecution,
more growth”*



Church grows
under persecution



Obey God, Not Man

Brother Yun

*“I am not afraid of prison.
I am afraid of not obeying God.”*

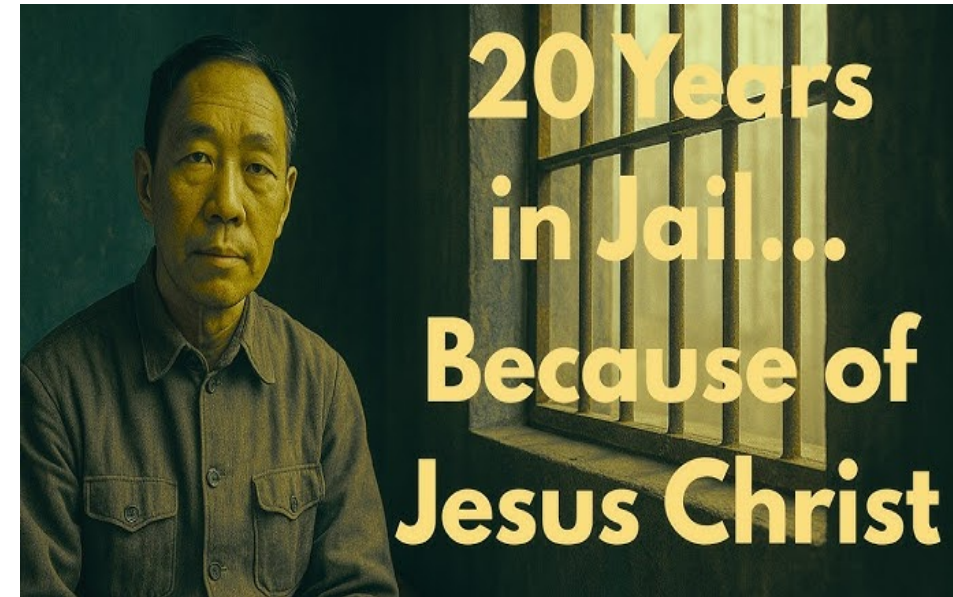
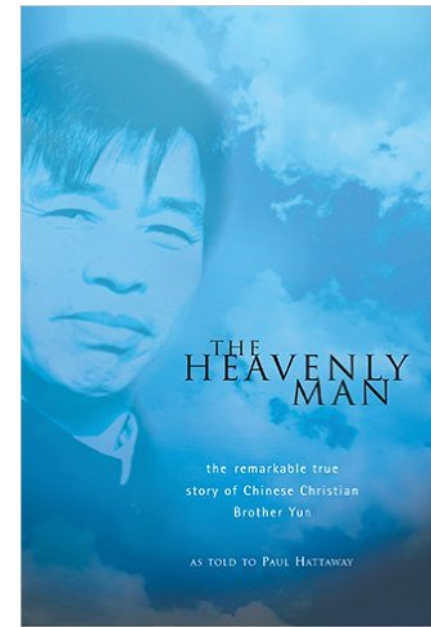
Be Bold to Proclaim and Witness for Christ

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*“Christ is the Son of God who died for
the redemption of sinners and
resurrected after three days. This is the
greatest truth in the universe. I die
because of my belief in Christ.”*

“I learned that
obedience to
God is more
important
than comfort
or safety.”

Brother Yun





Be a Spirit-filled Church that Stand Firm:

- Bold in witness
- Faithful in truth
- Fearless in obedience

The world may hear and know and be saved *Jesus Christ is Lord, and salvation is found in Him alone.*

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