



Today: Sola Christus

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition. ¹⁵But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, ¹⁶saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. ¹⁷But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name." ¹⁸So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹But 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, ²⁰for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." ²¹And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. ²²For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

Why commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation?

What are the **FIVE** Solas?

Sola **CHRISTUS** Sola **FIDE** Sola **GRATIA** Sola **SCRIPTURA** Soli Deo **GLORIA**

There is no other **NAME** – Christ alone

First, the **CONTEXT** of this incident – a glorious **HEALING** in ch. 3

Teaching and proclaiming the **RESURRECTION** of Jesus Christ from the dead (v. 2)

Clearly their ministry of the **GOSPEL** was having a powerful impact (v. 4)

The question at hand: by what **POWER** or what **NAME** did you do this? (v. 7)

Peter is filled with the **HOLY SPIRIT** when he answers! (v. 8)

Peter acknowledges the healing of the needy man (v. 9)

Peter gives a crystal-clear **GOSPEL** answer: **JESUS** whom you crucified (v. 10)

Jesus is the **CORNERSTONE** – there is salvation in no one **ELSE** (vv. 11-12)

STOP IT! The only solution the rulers can think of to stop the apostles (vv. 17-18)

We will not stop (vv. 19-20). This is what we **SAW** and **HEARD**.

EYEWITNESS testimony. These men had been with Jesus.

Why this declaration – Christ alone! – was crucial **THEN**.

Why this declaration – Christ alone! – was crucial in **LUTHER'S** day.

Why this declaration – Christ alone! – is crucial **TODAY**.

Do you really **BELIEVE** it? Christ alone? Your salvation is at stake.