

05 NO OTHER NAME

KEY TEXT: ACTS 4:8-21

CENTRAL truth

The early church was met with different types of opposition. Yet, by the Spirit's power, the apostles were granted courage to boldly declare the truth that **we can only find salvation through Jesus**.

key question

Why is it critical for us to understand that Jesus is the only true source of salvation?

In John 14:6, Jesus boldly proclaimed that He is the sole pathway to the Father. Jesus is not one of many ways, but the only way. Because of His resurrection, we can confidently believe His claim. As people who understand where true salvation is found, we are given the Spirit to boldly persuade and encourage others to trust Jesus.

keep in mind

- A central theme in today's teaching—and throughout the book of Acts—is opposition. Students may have questions about how to honor Jesus when they experience opposition in their own lives. Take time to refer to the **Culture Note** in the Leader Guide. Remind students that the Spirit enables us to bless and pray for our enemies.
- Peter and John were bold and possessed knowledge beyond what the Jewish leaders expected, and it was because of this that the Jewish leaders recognized that they had been with Jesus. Continually encourage students to spend time with the Lord. Through the Spirit, He forms us into the image of Jesus. It may even be helpful to come prepared with practical insights to help students connect with the Lord.

application

How does prayer help us to live boldly for Jesus?

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FOR THE STUDENT: In a culture that seemingly has endless pathways to “salvation,” students need to be reminded and challenged by the claim of the apostle Peter and the New Testament authors: there is salvation in Jesus alone.

FOR THE LEADER: In the apostles' time of need, the Holy Spirit gave them power and boldness to represent Jesus when opposed. Leaders have the opportunity to share about how they have personally turned to the Spirit for power as a way of encouraging students and giving them examples of what it looks like to rely on the Spirit as they follow Jesus.

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