

## The chiasmic centers of Acts 4

### **Peter witnesses to the power of the Name of Jesus**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### **Peter and John boldly reject the Sanhedrin's authority in favor of God's authority**

But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in God's sight to listen to you rather than to God, you judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

### **The disciples collectively praise God**

When they heard it, they raised their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth, the sea, and everything in them, it is you who said by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant..."

### **Jerusalem is the focus**

For in this city in truth

### **The disciples celebrate God's work through the Name of Jesus**

"...while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

### **The apostles witness to the resurrection**

With great power the apostles gave their witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

### **Joseph Barnabas named as one who sold a field**

There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement").

***The opponents have disappeared!***