

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?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, 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. He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

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.

1. At some juncture in life we have to decide what/who will **DETERMINE** our world view (the way we think about life). (That's really the question being asked by the religious leaders.)
2. Jesus uniquely connects us to God. Ideally a Christ-like world view emerges as we seek to live as the sons and daughters of God.

Jesus reveals the **CHARACTER** of God.

Jesus introduces us to the **COMPASSION** of God.

Jesus functions in the **AUTHORITY** of God.

4. Our challenge is to determine how we can live a Christ-like world view.

Through **ACCEPTANCE** of who Jesus is.

Through **EFFORT** on our part, to know Jesus' heart.

Through **TRUST** in God, as Jesus did, for all things.