

# HOW REVIVAL ACTS

Acts 4:1-12



**FIRED UP**



Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,

6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.



7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked,  
By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them,  
Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to  
the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;

10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of  
Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead,  
*even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you  
builders, which is become the head of the corner.

12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is  
none other name under heaven given among men,  
whereby we must be saved.



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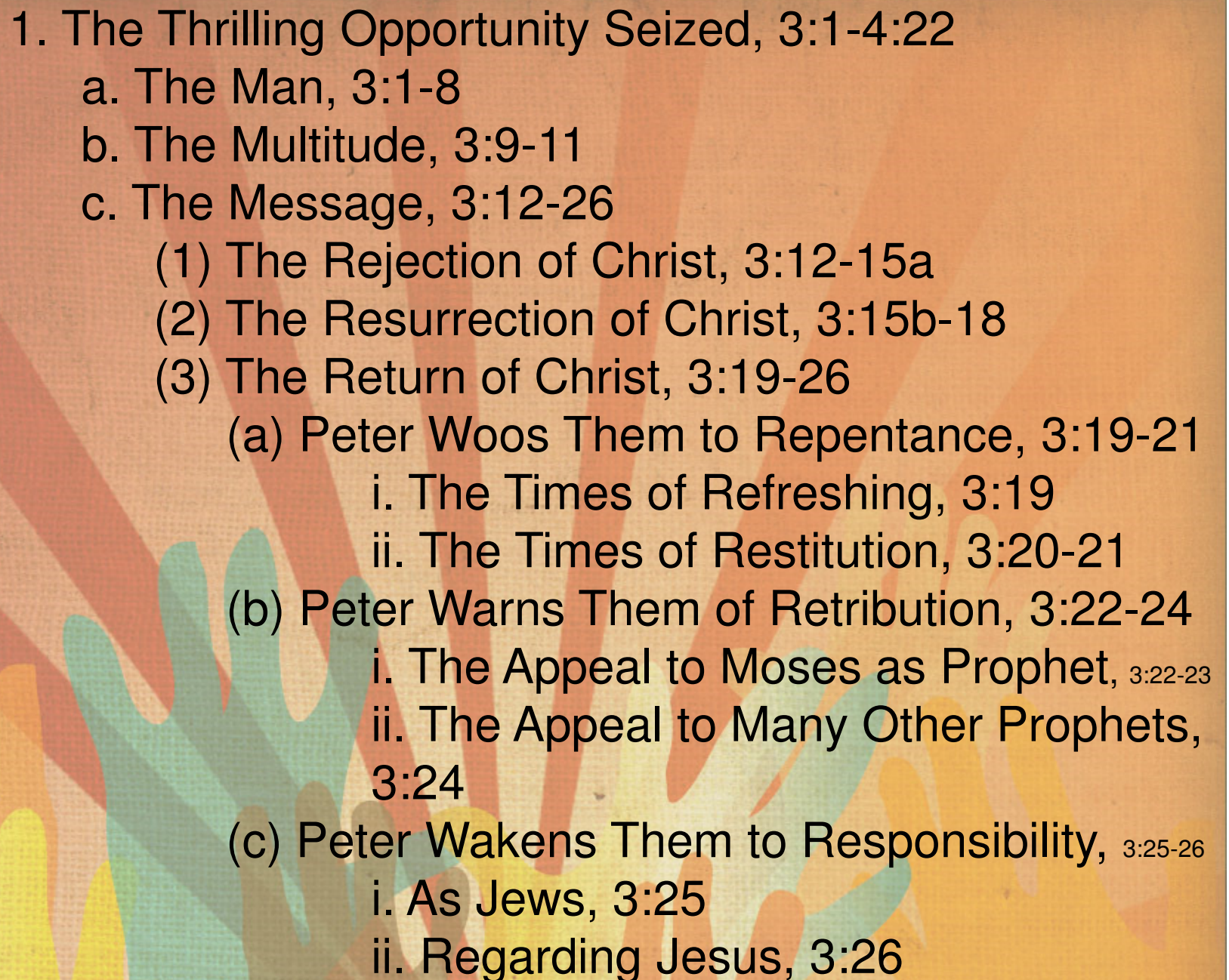
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#### (a) The Anger of His Foes, 4:1-7

##### i. It Was Focused, 4:1-2

Acts 4:1 And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and **preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead.**



## ii. It Was Futile, 4:3-4

Acts 4:3 And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was **now eventide**.

4 Howbeit many of them which **heard the word believed**; and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, ***being the ninth hour***.

Acts 4:3 "...for it was now eventide."

Peter was preaching from 3:00 p.m. until "eventide"  
= 2-3 hours.

No baptism and no talking in tongues!



### iii. It Was Formidable, 4:5-7

- The Quorum, 4:5-6

Acts 4:5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes,  
6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Luke 3:2 **Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests,** the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

Jn. 18:13 And led him away to **Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.**



## THE HIGH PRIESTS OF ISRAEL

(ca. A.D. 6-66)

**ANNAS** (ca. A.D. 6-15): the co-high priest with Caiaphas during Jesus' trial ([Luke 3:2](#), [John 18:13, 24f](#)), and the high priest who, with Caiaphas, tried Peter and John ([Acts 4:6](#))

[Eleazar](#) (ca. A.D. 16-17): the son of Annas

**CAIAPHAS** (ca. A.D. 18-36): the son-in-law of Annas, the high priest during Jesus' earthly ministry ([Luke 3:2](#), [Matt. 26:3](#), [John 11:49-50](#)) and the high priest who with Annas tried Peter and John ([Acts 4:6](#))

Jonathan (ca. A.D. 36-37): the son of Annas, and possibly the "John" of [Acts 4:6](#)

[Theophilus](#) (ca. A.D. 37-41): the son of Annas

Matthias (ca. A.D. 42): the son of Annas

**ANANIAS** (ca. A.D. 47-59): tried Paul in Jerusalem and Caesarea ([Acts 23:1-10](#), [24:1-23](#))

Annas (ca. A.D. 61): the son of Annas

Matthias (ca. A.D. 65-66): the son of [Theophilus](#), grandson of Annas

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- The Question, 4:7

Acts 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

(b) The Answer of His Friends, 4:8-12

i. Its Power, 4:8-10

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,  
9 If we this day be examined of **the good deed** done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole;  
10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him** doth this man stand here before you whole.



Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, **being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.**

13 And it shall turn to you for a testimony.

14 **Settle *it* therefore in your hearts**, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:

15 For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist.

“...examined...”

**Original Word:** ἀνακρίνω

**Transliteration:** anakrinó

**Definition:** I examine, inquire into, investigate, question.

Properly, to *distinguish* by vigorously judging "down to up," i.e. *closely examining* (investigating) through "the *process* of careful study, evaluation and judgment" (*L & N*, 1, 27.44); "*to examine, investigate, question* (so J. B. Lightfoot, *Notes*, 181f).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/350.htm>



## ii. Its Point, 4:11-12

- Their Guilt, 4:11a – “This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders...”

Psa. 118:22 The stone *which* the builders refused is become the head *stone* of the corner.

Mt. 21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?



Mt. 21:23 And when he was come into the temple, **the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him** as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority?

Mark 12:10 And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:

Luke 20:17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?



- Christ's Glory, 4:11b – "...which is become the head of the corner."

Isa. 28:16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner *stone*, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

1 Pet. 2:7 **Unto you therefore which believe *he is precious***: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner,

- God's Grace, 4:12

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.



## Conclusion

Jn. 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

1 Tim. 2:5 For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;