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dead. 3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was
already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the
number of the men came to be about five thousand.
5 On the next day, their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in
Jerusalem; 6 and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander,
and all who were of high-priestly descent. 7 When they had placed them in the center,
they began to inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?" 8 Then
Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people, 9 if we are
on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made
well, 10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of
Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by
this name this man stands here before you in good health. 11 He is the stone which
was rejected by you, the builders, but which became the chief corner stone. 12 And there
is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given
among men by which we must be saved."
15 But when they had ordered them to leave the Council, they began to confer with one
another, 16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy
miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we
cannot deny it. 17 But so that it will not spread any further among the people, let us warn
them to speak no longer to any man in this name." 18 And when they had summoned
them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of
Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight
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Application:
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