

Irrefutable Evidence

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Acts 4:8-22

The sceptic's axiom, "Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence" certainly fits the scene in Acts 4. The day before, Peter and John had healed a lame beggar "in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" (3:6). The man began "walking and jumping, and praising God" (v. 8). This attracted a large crowd, to whom Peter began proclaiming Jesus. Temple officials were disturbed by Peter's preaching and tossed the apostles in jail overnight. The next day they were called to explain themselves. Peter stated, "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" (4:10). He further declared, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" (v. 12). The officials wanted to deny this extraordinary claim, "But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say" (v. 14). The world still finds it hard to refute a life visibly transformed by the power of Jesus Christ.

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