

FWG - Acts 4:12

Song: *We Look to You* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLwpHHQuTKs>

Prayer: Lord, teach us in this moment. Convict us of who you are. In Jesus' Name.

Text: Acts 4:12

Explanation: Peter and John are on trial before the Jewish religious leaders. Their crime is the miraculous healing of a lame man (Acts 3:1-12). Their accusers ask them by what name they did this (Acts 4:7), and Peter essentially begins preaching. He concludes his response in verse 4:12.

The verse is rather self-explanatory. In theological terms, we call it the "Exclusivity of Christ." In other words, Jesus is exclusively the only way to be saved. There is no other means of salvation. Jesus is the only way. All roads do not lead to Rome.

The Point: *Jesus is the only means of salvation.*

Application:

Pre-K & Elementary Age: Illustrate this truth with your child by mapping out some type of maze in your house or your yard. There can only be one way to accomplish it. Teach them about salvation this way. There are many wrong ways, but only one right way.

Middle & High School Students: The world teaches that there are many ways. You are faced with many other ways in school. History is filled with many who have denied the exclusivity of Christ. Talk about some of the other options, and demonstrate the distinctions of Christ. He is the only way.

Adult: What are some belief systems or worldviews that your friends and co-workers hold to? Do they think less of you for your beliefs? Most likely, they would be fine with you believing in Jesus, as long as you concede that Jesus is one option of many options. Their offense is when you declare that Jesus is the *only* way. Read this text. Read John 14:6. Be affirmed in your belief of Jesus's exclusivity.

Empty Nesters: Things have changed quite a bit from when you were growing up, haven't they? I know they have. People don't seem to know up from down anymore. Your grandchildren are being raised in a very confusing culture, where "right" is relative to each individual's understanding of right. Pray for your grandchildren. Pray for your children as they raise your grandchildren. Don't write the culture off. Rather, prayerfully consider how you can embolden your family to face the culture. How can you strengthen their faith?

Song: *All I Have is Christ* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX8-YEw3xFA>

Prayer: Jesus, you are all we have. Thank you! Embolden us in our faith. May we stand strong like Peter and John did, and never waver on our faith in you!