Peter and John before the Sanhedrin

CHARACTERS: Peter, John, lame man, Annas, Caiaphas, Alexander, guards
COSTUMES: Biblical
PROPS: none specified
SETTING: Sanhedrin meeting
RUN TIME: 4 minutes
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 4
FK reading level: 6.7

AT rise: Informal court convened with PETER & JOHN on trial, ANNAS as the judge and the BEGGAR conspicuously present.

ANNAS: By what power or what name did you do this?

PETER: Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this: it is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

Jesus is the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

ANNAS: *(Motions for GUARDS to remove PETER & JOHN so they may confer)* What say you all?

CAIAPHAS: *(contemptuously)* These are unschooled, ordinary men.

ALEXANDER: But look at their courage! I recognize them as disciples of Jesus.

CAIAPHAS: They are trouble.

ALEXANDER: The man they healed stands here, undeniably able to walk now.

ANNAS: What are we going to do with these men?

ALEXANDER: Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it.

CAIAPHAS: We must stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.

ANNAS nods in agreement and motions for PETER & JOHN to be brought back in.

ANNAS: You are forbidden to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

PETER: Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

JOHN: As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.

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LEADER: On their release, Peter and John reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

ALL: *(looking toward heaven)* Sovereign Lord, you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

LEADER: Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

ALL: Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus!

LEADER: After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.

ALL: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

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