

Kefa Heals a Disabled Beggar ~ Part 4

In my last post, we continued with the aftermath of **Kefa Heals a Disabled Beggar ~ Part 3**. In this post, we **Kefa and Yochanan Are Arrested**.

¹ Kefa and Yochanan were still speaking to the people when the cohanim, the captain in charge of the Temple police, and the Tz'dukim¹ came upon them, ² very annoyed that they were teaching the people the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead and offering Yeshua as proof. ³ The Temple police arrested them, and since it was already evening, they put them in custody overnight.

No longer dealing with someone overturning tables in the **Temple**, the aristocracy is content to follow the law and wait till the next day to try them (night trials were illegal, and most businesses of any regular sort stopped by sundown).

⁴ However, many of those who heard the message trusted; the number of men alone was about five thousand.

Repeated attempts to suppress the **Messianic message** only caused it to spread more quickly. On **Pesach** morning, the **Believers** in **Yerushalayim** only numbered **120**. In response to **Kefa's** sermon that day, another **3,000** were added. Now, with the healing of the **disabled man**, **Kefa's** sermon, and their arrest, the community grew **to about 5,000**.

⁵ The next day, the people's rulers, elders, and Torah-teachers (the Sanhedrin) assembled in Yerushalayim, ⁶ along with 'Anan the Cohen HaGadol, Kayafa, Yochanan, Alexander and the other men from the family of the cohen HaGadol. ⁷ They had the emissaries stand before them and asked, "By what power or in what name did you do this?"

The parties listed in verses 5-6 represent all the most influential players in the Jewish religious establishment. They made **Kefa** and **Yochanan stand before them**, two men against all the powers of **Isra'el**. Ironic, therefore, that they asked them **by what power** they had performed the miracle and preached the **Gospel**.

⁸ Then Kefa, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people!

Kefa was filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, a necessary prelude to his successful confrontation with the Jewish religious establishment. We need to get plugged into that same power source whenever we share the Gospel.

⁹ If we are being examined today about a good deed done for a disabled person, if you want to know how he was restored to health, ¹⁰ then let it be known to you and to all the people of Isra'el that it is in the name of the Messiah, Yeshua from Natzeret, whom you had executed on a stake as a criminal but whom God has raised from the dead, that this man stands before you perfectly healed. ¹¹ "This Yeshua is the stone rejected by you builders which has become the cornerstone. (Psalm 118:22) ¹² There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved!" ~ Acts 4:1-12 (CJB)

*There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved! Kefa, here addressing Jews, not Gentiles, and speaking by inspiration of the Ruach HaKodesh, asserts that Yeshua is the only person by whom **we** (the Jewish people, both individually and collectively) **must** (there is no alternative) **be saved** (from eternal destruction and God's fury due us for our sins). And if there is no other **salvation** for Jews, who already have wonderful promises from God, how much more is there no other **salvation** for Gentiles (see Acts 13:47-48; Romans 1:16).*

¹ Tz'dukim (Sadducees) who denied **resurrection from the dead**.

In my next post, we continue with the aftermath of the healing of the *man disabled since birth* when **Kefa and Yochanan Are Warned and Freed.**