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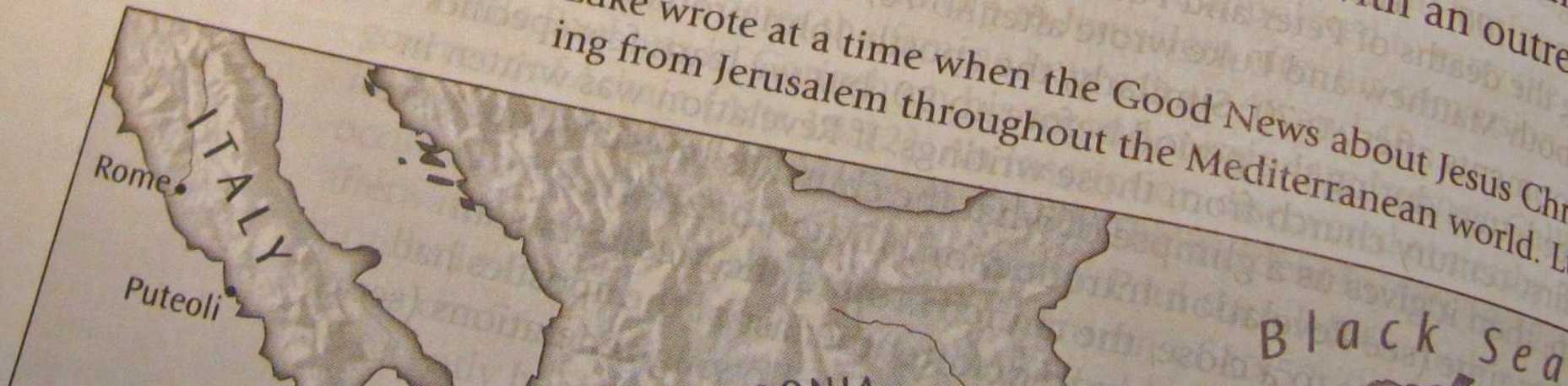


THE BOOK OF ACTS

The book of Acts has a central role in the NT: It connects Jesus with the emerging Christian community, and the Gospels with the rest of the NT. It frames the proclamation of the Christian message in both Jewish and Gentile settings and underscores the key roles of Peter and Paul in the spread of the Good News throughout the Mediterranean. It is the story of a dynamic message with an outreach to all.

SETTING

Luke wrote at a time when the Good News about Jesus Christ was spreading from Jerusalem throughout the Mediterranean world. Luke was



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‘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. 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.’

(Acts 4:10-12)

- **Jesus is the cornerstone given by God**
- **Jesus is the cornerstone we each need**
- **Jesus is the cornerstone we must profess.**

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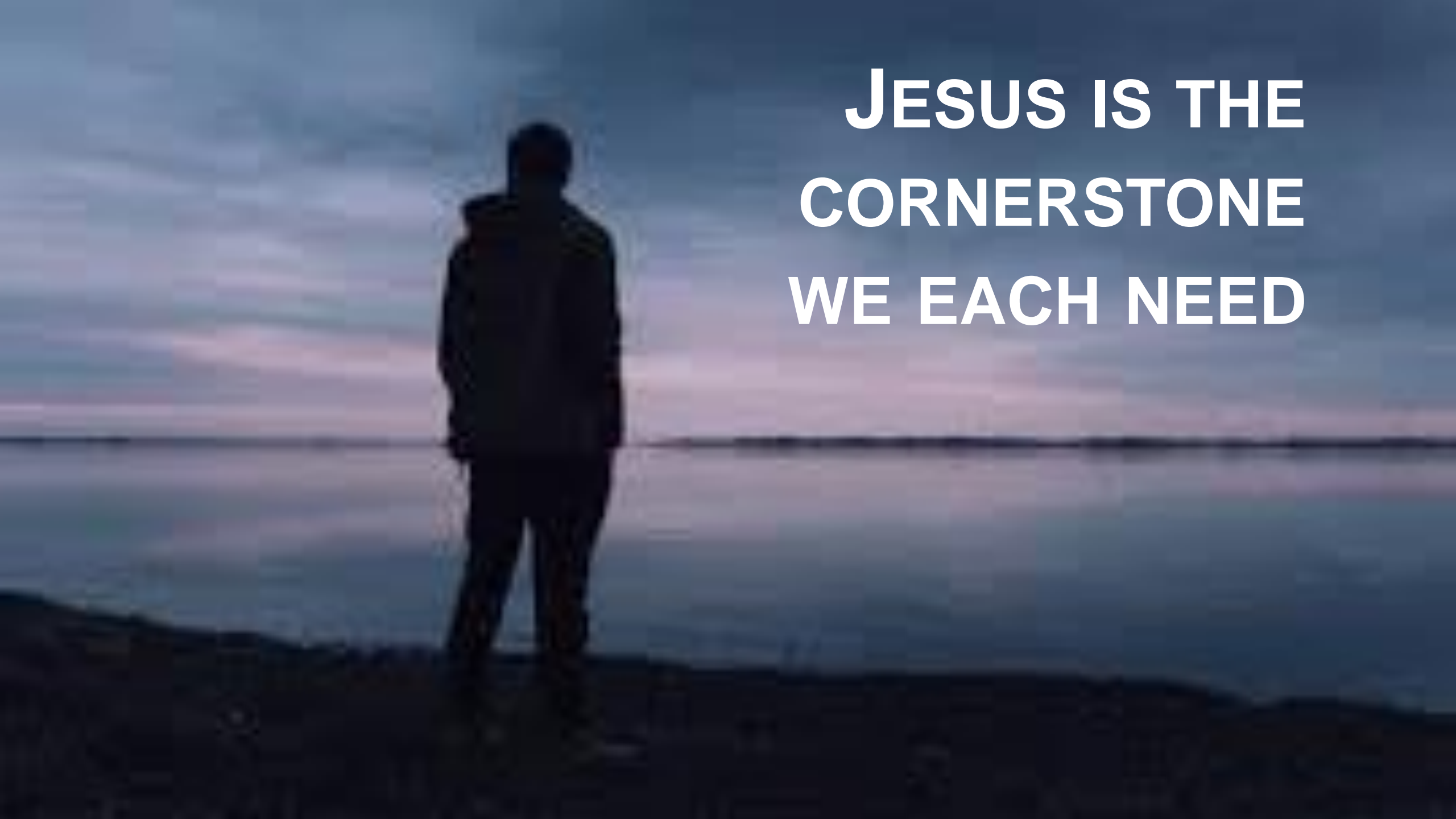
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‘Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs...This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.’ (Acts 2:22-24)

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A silhouette of a person standing on a dark, sandy beach, looking out over a calm body of water towards a sunset or sunrise. The sky is a mix of soft blues, purples, and pinks, with the sun just below the horizon line. The person's shadow is cast on the sand in front of them.

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‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but those who are ill. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’ (Luke 5:31-32)

**JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE
WE MUST PROFESS**

**‘you will be my witnesses in
Jerusalem, and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the ends
of the earth.’ (Acts 1:8)**

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“The trouble with so many people is that the voice of their neighbours sounds louder in their ears than the voice of God.” - H.G. Wells



JESUS IS THE CORNERSTONE WE EACH NEED

**Will you respond
with welcome or
with rejection?**