

# Readings: Friday, Octave of Easter

## First Reading: Acts 4:1-12

While Peter and John were still speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to them. They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming that resurrection from the dead had been proved in the case of Jesus. Since it was already evening, they arrested them and put them in custody until the following day. 4 But despite this, many of those who heard the Message believed and their number increased to about five thousand.

The next day, the Jewish leaders, elders and teachers of the Law assembled in Jerusalem. Annas, the High Priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, and all who were of the high priestly class were there. They brought Peter and John before them and began to question them, "How did you do this? Whose name did you use?"

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, spoke up, "Leaders of the people! Elders! It is a fact that we are being examined today for a good deed done to a cripple. How was he healed? You and all the people of Israel must know that this man stands before you cured through the Name of Jesus Christ the Nazarean. You had him crucified, but God raised him from the dead. Jesus is the stone rejected by you the builders which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation in anyone else, for there is no other Name given to humankind all over the world by which we may be saved."

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## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a

**R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

or Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his mercy endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say,  
"His mercy endures forever."  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His mercy endures forever."  
**R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

or Alleluia.

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the Lord has this been done;  
it is wonderful in our eyes.  
This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us be glad and rejoice in it.  
**R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

or Alleluia.

O Lord, grant salvation!  
O Lord, grant prosperity!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house of the Lord.  
The Lord is God, and he has given us light.  
**R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

or Alleluia.

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## Gospel Reading: In 21:1-14

Jesus revealed himself to the disciples by the Lake of Tiberias. He appeared to them in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas who was called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two other disciples were together; and Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We will come with you" and they went out and got into the boat. But they caught nothing that night.

When day had already broken, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus called them, "Children, have you anything to eat?" They answered, "Nothing." Then he said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they had lowered the

net, they were not able to pull it in because of the great number of fish.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Lord!" At these words, "It's the Lord," Simon Peter put on his clothes, for he was stripped for work, and jumped into the water. The other disciples came in the boat dragging the net full of fish; they were not far from land, about a hundred meters.

When they landed, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it, and some bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." So Simon Peter climbed into the boat and pulled the net to shore. It was full of big fish-one hundred and fifty-three-but, in spite of this, the net was not torn.

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast," and not one of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" for they knew it was the Lord. Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and he did the same with the fish.

This was the third time that Jesus revealed himself to his disciples after rising from the dead.

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