

Easter 4: Good Shepherd & Cornerstone

I wished one of my ex-pupils (from over 15 years ago) a happy, belated, Easter recently only to receive a reply from them that Easter is not a one off event ... and that we should have the resurrection of the Lord in our hearts everyday. Well, that told me!

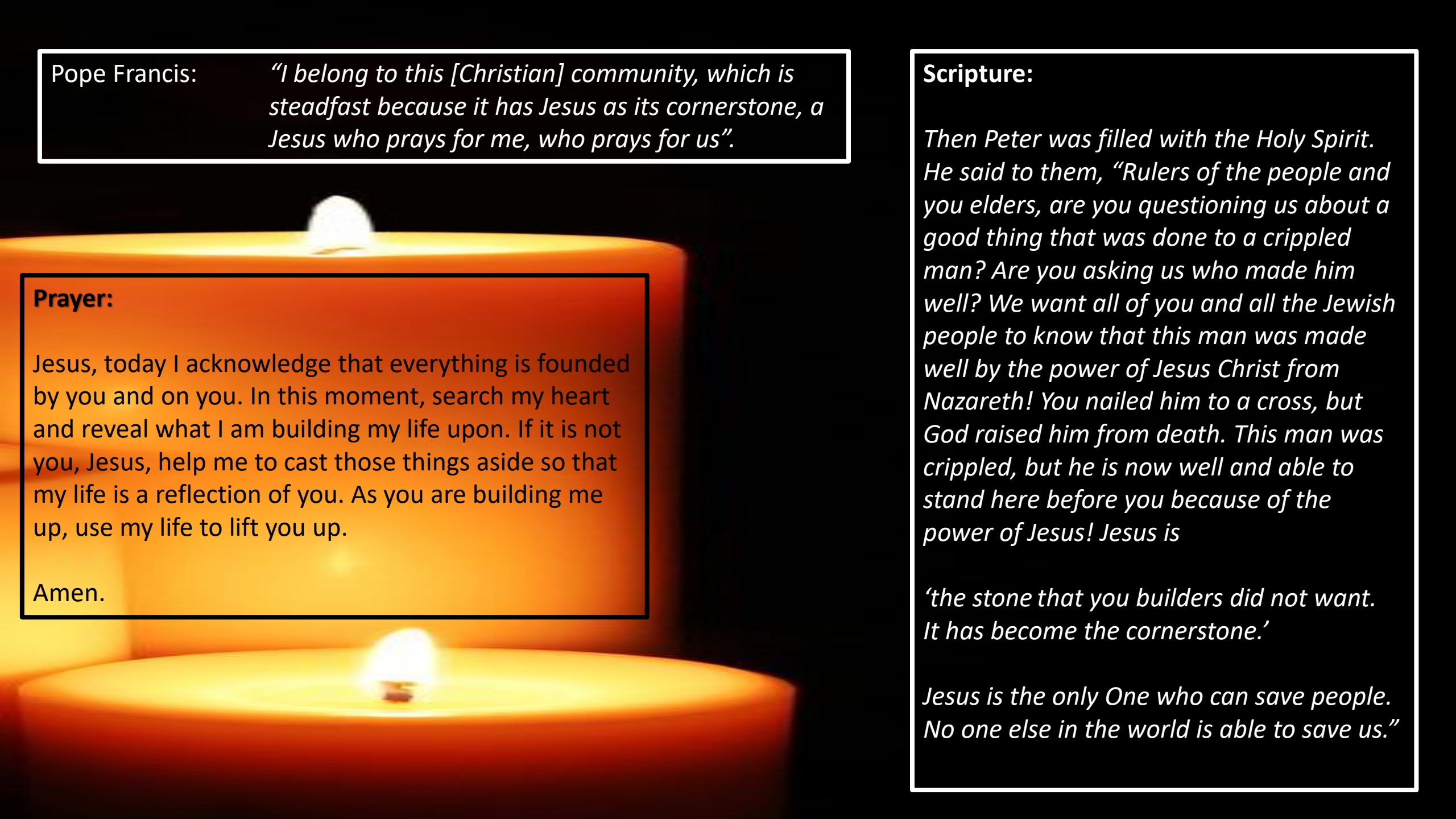
And he was right. Easter is not over. In the Christian Church, Easter is a season that runs for 7 weeks. Easter is not just about the chocolate eggs on the Easter Sunday, nor even attending church on that special day. It is about the celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death ... the fulfilment of His mission and the prophecies ... the demonstration of His love for us ... His appearances to the disciples and instructions to us all ... a celebration like no other ... and how all of this is the cornerstone of our school community. Without this we wouldn't be here.

Now surely all that is worth celebrating for more than just one day!

[Mr Doust]

A stone plaque is mounted on a wall made of rough-hewn stones. The plaque is rectangular and has a cross carved into its center. The text on the plaque is carved in a serif font. The text reads: "JESUS CHRIST" on the top line, "THE CHIEF" on the line below the cross, and "CORNERSTONE" on the bottom line.

JESUS CHRIST
THE CHIEF
CORNERSTONE



Pope Francis: *"I belong to this [Christian] community, which is steadfast because it has Jesus as its cornerstone, a Jesus who prays for me, who prays for us".*

Prayer:

Jesus, today I acknowledge that everything is founded by you and on you. In this moment, search my heart and reveal what I am building my life upon. If it is not you, Jesus, help me to cast those things aside so that my life is a reflection of you. As you are building me up, use my life to lift you up.

Amen.

Scripture:

Then Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said to them, "Rulers of the people and you elders, are you questioning us about a good thing that was done to a crippled man? Are you asking us who made him well? We want all of you and all the Jewish people to know that this man was made well by the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth! You nailed him to a cross, but God raised him from death. This man was crippled, but he is now well and able to stand here before you because of the power of Jesus! Jesus is

'the stone that you builders did not want. It has become the cornerstone.'

Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us."