

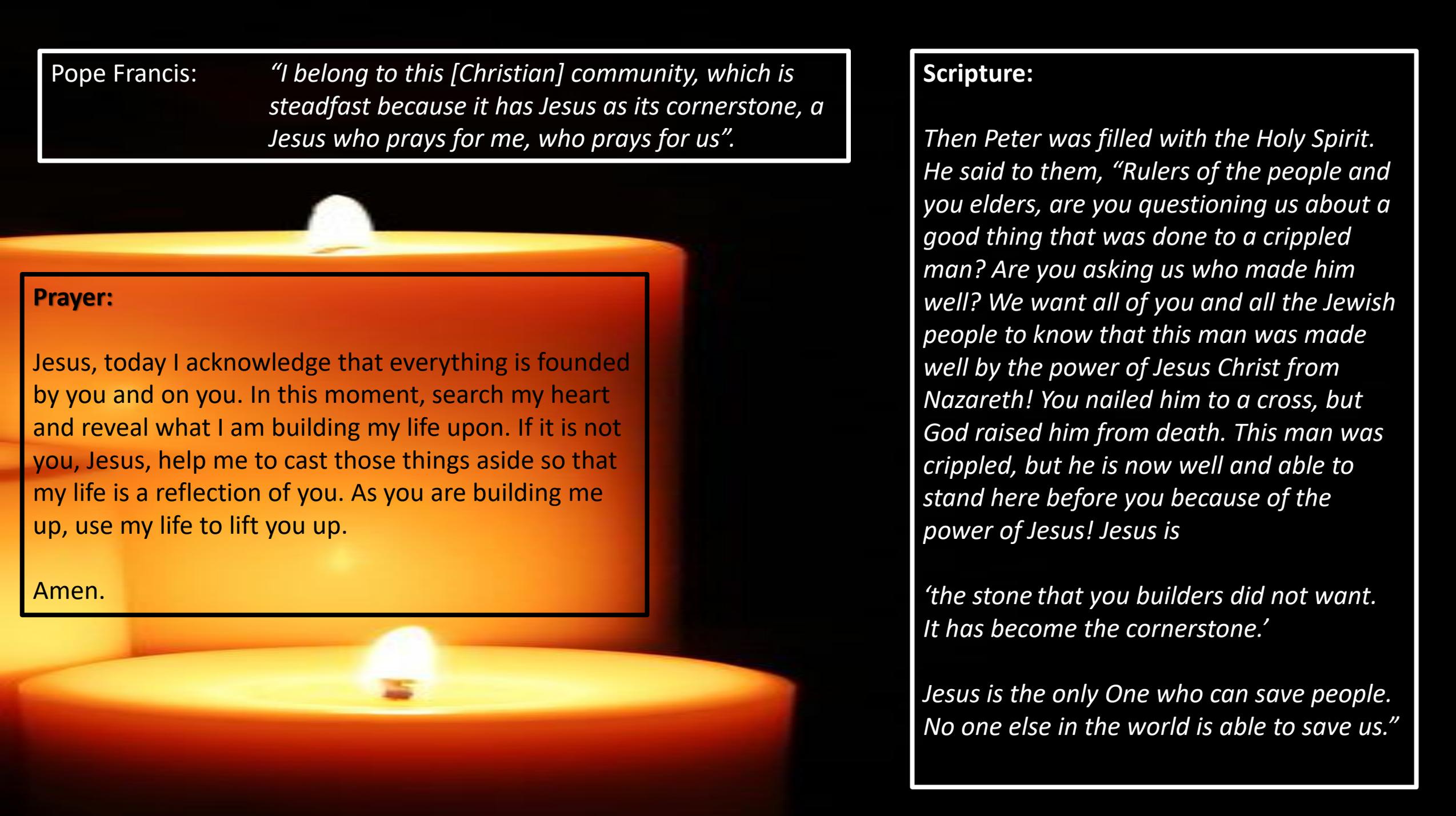
Easter 4: Good Shepherd

My 6 year old daughter has just made it clear ... if she cannot have a horse then she would be happy would a dog. And if she can't have a dog that a cat would be good to have as a pet. And if we cannot get a cat then she would settle for a rabbit. So, I have come to the conclusion and decision that we will get a goldfish ... at most. I know what will happen ... the family will get a pet and I'll end up having to look after it all the time. And I'm not even a 'pet-person'!!!

The scripture this week sees us focus on Christ being the 'good shepherd'. It is the role given to Him by His Father. He will tend to us and nurture us. He will care for us and protect us. Christ will do all the things any shepherd (or pet owner!) would do for His flock. And so we are reminded that this week that all of us are to tend and nurture those around us, care and protect one another. Our lives should imitate Christ. We are shepherds too.

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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."