

Acts 3

Questions

1. When did Peter and John enter the temple and what were they asked (3:1-3)?
2. What did Peter do for the lame man (3:4-7)?
3. How did the lame man and the crowd respond (3:8-11)?
4. What did Peter want to clarify with the crowd that had gathered (3:12)?
5. How, in a series of four contrasts, did Peter describe Jesus to the crowd and what had the crowd done to Jesus (3:13-15)?
6. How was the lame man healed (3:16; see also v.6 and 4:10, 12)?
7. What did Peter tell the crowd to do to receive forgiveness of sins (3:17-19)?
8. Where is Jesus now and how long will he be there (3:20-21)?
9. What did Moses say that Peter applied to Jesus (3:22-23)?
10. What did the OT prophets tell about (3:25; see also v.18)?
11. What covenant did God make with Abraham that Peter applied to Jesus (3:25-26)?

Digging Deeper

1. What time of the day was the “ninth hour” and why would Peter and John go to the temple (3:1)?
2. What are “alms” (3:2-3)?
3. Where were the Beautiful gate (3:2, 10) and Solomon’s porch (3:11) located?
4. What evidence is found in Peter’s miracle that shows what he did is vastly different from what modern-day “faith (fake) healers” attempt to do (3:1-10; see also 4:14, 22)?
5. How is the word “name” being used in this context (3:6, 16; see also 4:7, 10)?
6. What elements in Peter’s sermon here (3:12-26) are the same as his sermon on Pentecost (2:22-40)?
7. What did Peter say in 3:19 that refutes the erroneous man-made doctrine of Calvinism? Did Peter tell these people to do something different than those people on the day of Pentecost (compare 3:19 with 2:38)?
8. What does the “times of restoration of all things” mean (3:21)?
9. Where in the OT is the statement of Moses found (3:22)?
10. Where in the OT is God’s covenant with the fathers and Abraham found (3:25)?

Applications for Today

1. God is to be praised when he does great things for us (3:8-9; 1 Chron. 16:25).
2. Pointed and personal preaching like Peter's is needed today to help people repent and turn to Jesus (3:13-19; 2 Tim. 4:2).
3. Jesus is God's "Servant", the "Holy and Righteous One", and the "Prince of Life" (3:13-15; Acts 4:27, 30; Isa. 42:1ff; 52:13 – 53:12).
4. The "name of Jesus Christ" is the authority of Jesus Christ (3:6, 16; 1 Cor. 5:4; Col. 3:17; 2 Thess. 3:6; Jas. 5:14).
5. A person is still guilty of wrong even though he does it in ignorance (3:17; Lev. 5:14-19; 22:14; Num. 15:22-31; Acts 17:23, 30-31; Rom. 10:3; 1 Tim. 1:13; Heb. 5:2; 1 Pet. 1:14; 2 Pet. 3:16).
6. Repentance is needed for forgiveness of sins (3:19; Mk. 1:4; Lk. 17:4; Acts 2:38; 5:31).
7. We must listen to (obey) Jesus or be destroyed (3:23; Mk. 16:16; 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
8. Jesus wants to bless us with forgiveness of sins (3:26; Psa. 32:1; Rom. 4:7-8).