

THE POWERFUL MIRACLE & MESSAGE OF PETER IN JESUS' NAME (Acts 3:1-26)

I. THE CHURCH'S WITNESS FOR CHRIST IN JERUSALEM (1-7)

A. The BIRTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (1-2)

B. The INFANCY & GROWTH of the CHURCH in JERUSALEM (3-7)

1. The Powerful Miracle and Message of Peter in Jesus' Name (3:1-26)

a) The *Miracle* by the Name of Jesus Christ (3:1-11)

1) The "Name" of Jesus Christ refers to His _____ and _____, including His attributes, reputation, and authority. (Josh. 2:9-11; 9:9-10; Neh. 9:10; Ps. 18:49; 20:1; Prov. 18:10; Isa. 50:10; John 1:12; 2:23; 1 John 2:12; 3 John 7)

2) The setting for this miracle is the Temple in Jerusalem, at the Beautiful Gate, involving a man over _____ who was _____ from _____. (3:1-3; 4:22)

3) This miracle was done in the _____ of Jesus Christ of Nazareth (3:6), and it was _____ (3:7), _____ (3:16), _____ (3:9), and involved a life-long, _____ condition (3:2).

- *How is this different from the supposed miracles of many false faith-healers today?*

4) The healed man responded to this miracle by _____ (3:8-9; 4:14), and the people responded with _____ and _____ (3:10-12).

- *How many people gathered in the Temple to see Peter, John, and the healed man?*

- *How did this miracle relate to Peter's message? (Mark 16:20; 2 Cor. 12:12; Heb. 2:3-4)*

b) The Message about the Name of Jesus Christ (3:12-26)

1) The credit for this miracle did not go to _____ or _____ (3:12) but to the _____ of _____ (3:6, 16).

- *How does this apply to good works done in your Christian life? (1 Cor. 1:31; 10:31; Gal. 6:14)*

2) Peter sets forth three contrasts to challenge the people regarding the identity of Jesus Christ and their response to Him:

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- *What does this say about Peter's preaching? (2:40; 4:13, 29, 31; 2 Tim. 4:1-2; Titus 2:15)*
- *How does Peter describe Jesus Christ and what do these titles mean?*
- *What is the content of Peter's preaching and how does this relate to the gospel?*

3) The condition for Israel's forgiveness of sins is simply _____ (3:19; 5:31; 11:17-18; 17:30; 20:21), which also must precede Christ's _____ and the start of the _____. (3:19-21)

- *Why was Peter here not reoffering the kingdom to Israel?*

4) Peter reminded the Jews that Jesus Christ's coming was _____ by the _____, and this message must come to them _____ because they _____ the sons of the prophets and of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (3:22-26).

- *How is Jesus the fulfillment of Moses's prediction of the Prophet like him (Deut. 18:15-18)?*
- *What does verse 25 say about Israel and the church?*
- *What does v. 26 mean about blessing Israel by turning them away from their iniquities?*
- *What did Peter's preaching result in & what can you learn from all of this?*