

## THE RESURRECTED LORD & THE RESTORATION OF THE COSMOS - Acts 3

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### INTRODUCTION

1. 1st disciples followed Jesus while w/i the cocoon of OCov Judaism: [A 3:1](#)
2. Res'd Jesus heals lame man by His apostles: opportunity to preach.

#### 1st: The Healing of the Lame Man - [A 3:1-10](#)

1. v2 *lame from womb*: "dead legs" from birth. We need res life - v7 *raised him up* [same vocab re: Jesus' res]. v16 *perfect health* = pic of res'd body
2. v6 - *Jesus the Naz* [2:22-24] - now adds *Christ*: res'd enthroned Davidic King. Apostles Heal *in His name* Jesus healed by HS thru Ptr & Jn.
3. v8 - leaping lame man: [Isa 35](#) - prophecy of renewed cosmos

#### 2nd: Peter Explains the Healing in Terms of Jesus' Resurrection - [A 3:11-16](#)

1. The healing was wonderful, how much more the res of Jesus!
2. v13 - context of OT: *God of Abraham has glorified His Servant* - [v26](#).
  - i. Isa 52:13 *My servant exalted* - Isa 53 suffering servant
  - ii. Jesus is *glorified* b/c *God raised Him from dead* [v15] - [A 2:36]
3. God vindicates Jesus whereas Peter's hearers rejected Him. They *disowned* [2x in v13-14] & *delivered* Him & asked Pilate for "grace" [v14 granted]
4. Davidic King - God's *servant* [Lk 1:69 & [A 4:25](#)]. Ptr uses 3 more titles:
  - i. *Holy* - anointed by HS [Jesus' bap] - priestly work
  - ii. *Righteous One* [cf. A 7:52; Lk 23:47; A 22:14] *the Righteous One My Servant will justify the many as He will bear their iniquities* [Isa 53:11]
  - iii. *the Prince of Life*: ESV, NIV: *source of life* = causes smthing to begin: "author of life" - Hb 2:10; 12:2. Res life in the res'd Lord has begun!
5. Contrast: *you put Prince of Life to death - G raised Him from the dead*: Peter & Jn are *witnesses* [Lk 24:48] - apostolic eye-witnesses whose testimony bears up in G's court.

#### 3rd: The Prophesied Messianic Age Has Commenced - [A 3:17-21](#)

1. v17 - Peter's tone softens [2T 2:24]. Jesus = fulfillment of OT prophecy
  - i. v18 & v21 - prophets = *God announced*
    - 1ii. *from ancient time* [from this aeon, age] KJV: "since world began"
2. Prophecies of Christ's suffering *He has thus* [in this manner] *fulfilled* - in crucifixion of Jesus - *It is finished* [Jn 19:30]. Jesus had to die & rise again.
3. Another necessity: *heaven must receive Jesus the Christ - appointed for you* - divine necessity & decreed sovereignty.
4. v19-21 - a period of time on earth: *times of refreshing - the period of restoration of all things* = the cosmos.
  - i. A 1:6 *is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?* Peter says period of *restoration* has begun w/ the res of Jesus! The healing of the lame man points to cosmic restoration completed at 2nd coming.
    - a. *until* [while, during a designated time]: *the period of restoration of all things* = earth's participation in res of God's sons [Rm 8:19f]
    - b. We live in messianic age of blessing - cosmic restoration has begun in us who are livingly joined to the res'd Jesus.
  - ii. Jesus as *last Adam* of new cosmos - 1C 15:20-22; v45 [Isa 65 & 66]. Fallen cosmos is realigned thru res'd Jesus to it's eschatological purpose: God's eternal Sabbath Rest [Rv 21-22].
  - iii. Refreshing restoration from heaven has begun on earth.
5. v21 heaven's "must" & earth's "maybes". How can Jesus *may be sent* [v20] & *sent* [v26]? Perceive: already & not yet tension
  - i. Already *sent* - in 1st coming & HS [Jn 14:18; Mt 28:20]

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- ii. *May send* - not yet => at end of this age
- iii. *sins may be wiped away & season of refreshing may come* - depends on response to 2 imperatives: *repent & return* [v19] [Lk 24:47; A 2:38]

#### 4th: By Raising Jesus, God is Faithful to Moses and Abraham - to Bless You!

1. v22-23 cites Moses [Dt 18:15, 18-19]. Res'd Jesus is Moses-like prophet.
  - i. *raise up* [v22] = v26. Transfiguration - Jesus' *exodus*: res & ascension
  - ii. The res'd Jesus is fulfillment of Dt 18:15 - give heed to Him.
2. v24-26 recalls Abraham - Gn 22:18 [Hb 11:19] - Isaac's "res". the message of prophets is *announced* today - extending blessing to *all the families of the earth*. Who are the *you* [v25-26]? If them, what of you? The *you* = *turn from their wicked ways* [*repent*: v19; 2:38]
3. God *may send Jesus - appointed for you: why? to bless you*. How? by turning you away from your sins & joining you to res'd Jesus. A 5:31
  - i. You who are believing & repenting are blessed by the res'd Jesus.
  - ii. If you know nothing of repentance & faith in Jesus - here you are hearing this God-sent announcement: why? Receive the witness of the apostles to the res'd Jesus & repent, trust Him - be restored & live!