

Peter's 'Arresting' Sermon

Acts 3:11-16

PART ONE

Introduction

9 Elements in common with Peter's first sermon (2:14-41):

- 1) The address: "Men of Israel"
- 2) Correcting a wrong impression.
- 3) Reference to God glorifying Jesus.
- 4) Mentioning the crucifixion and the resurrection.
- 5) Mentioning the apostles' eye-witness account.
- 6) Accusation that they are responsible for Jesus' death.
- 7) Extensive proof from the prophets.
- 8) God sovereignly fulfilling OT prophecy.
- 9) A call for repentance.

Titles that affirm the divinity of Jesus:

1. Servant of God
2. Holy and Righteous One
3. Author of Life
4. God's Christ
5. Prophet like Moses

I. The Explanation (vv11-16) II. The Exhortation (vv17-21) III. The Encouragement (vv22-26)

I. The Explanation (vv11-16)

"While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's." v11

"Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon." John 10:23

Explanation = 'a statement or account that makes something clear.'

"And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: 'Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?'" v12

Peter wisely asks them two questions that compel them to *think!*

"why do you wonder at this"?

"no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him" (John 3:2).

“why do you stare at us”?

John 5:36

John 9:32-33

Acts 2:22

Acts 10:38

John 12:37

“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.”
v13

Peter makes it unavoidably clear whose God it is that is at work in all that has happened concerning Jesus.

“you delivered over and denied”

It is imperative to any faithful presentation of the whole gospel to establish guilt for sin.

“his servant” Gk *pais*; ‘son’ or ‘child’

Isaiah 42:1

Isaiah 52:13-14.

The Messiah will be God’s Servant who will be badly treated, beaten beyond recognition, and killed.

Philippians 2:6-8

“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.” v14

“the Holy and Righteous One”

Psalms 16:10

Luke 1:35

Luke 4:34

John 6:68-69

“But you denied the Holy and Righteous One”

The 3-fold denial and rejection of Messiah, rabidly insisting on His execution.

Luke 23:18-25

The long-awaited Deliverer, delivered over to death by His own people.

“and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.” v15

“the Author of Life”

Gk **archegos** Prince, Founder, Leader, Chief, Captain, Pioneer, Originator.

† *“firstfruits”* of those raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20)

† *“firstborn from the dead”* (Colossians 1:18),

† *“by being the first to rise from the dead”* (Acts 26:23).

And because of that, all believers follow Jesus in the resurrection.

John 1:4

John 5:21

John 5:26

John 11:25

John 14:6

Jesus is the source of all life. Jesus *is* your life!

1 John 5:11

Colossians 3:4