

New Mount Moriah AMEC

Bible- Study, 1 April 2025

Acts 3:12-26 (NKJV)

Introduction: We discussed the first recorded miracle in the early Church last week. The miracles were the continued ministry of Jesus through the Holy Spirit. Peter's sermon in tonight's lesson is a lesson to each of us on what we should preach and teach about Jesus!

Lesson outline:

Vs. 12-15 Don't Look at Me

Vs. 16-19 In His Name

Vs. 20-22 Repent

Vs. 23-26 The Choice is Yours

Lesson Review:

Vs. 12-15 **Don't Look at Me:** The LORD alone is the source of miracles! Power or Godliness comes from Him, but too often, as with Peter and John, folks marvel at the vehicle used by the Lord rather than the LORD, the source of miracles.

Critical Thinking: What is the cause of folks marveling at people's God's vehicle instead of the LORD? Please note Peter and John's response to those who marveled and compare it with some faith healers of our day.

Additional insight: Acts 10:38

Romans 1:4

The Purpose of Miracles

- John 20:30 reads, "**And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**"
- What is the purpose of Peter's statement, "**The God of Abraham, and of Issac, and of Jacob, the God of our Father.**"

- **Glorified** (*doxazo*) to extol or magnify? How is Jesus glorified in the healing of the lame man?
- What impact, if any, do you think Peter had on the people by reminding them that they chose a murderer over Jesus, the Son of God? The unholy, over the Holy?
- **Prince of Life:** The Greek word for *Prince* means originator of life, pioneer, or beginner of something.

Vs. 16-18 **In His Name:** As previously stated, a person's name represents their authority, power, office, nature, and character. **Perfect Soundness** is being made whole, to be perfectly complete and entire.

Critical Thinking: The Greek meaning of *ignorance* is not to know or understand. With that as our foundation, why is it essential to get an understanding?

Foretold by the Prophets: Psalm 22

Isaiah 53

Vs. 19-22 **Repent:** The first step to restoration is repentance. It means having a change of mind and purpose that turns someone from sin to God. **Blotted Out** compares forgiveness to the complete wiping away of ink from the surface of a document—**time of refreshing**. Time means era or season. **Critical Thinking:** How does a sinner know they are a sinner? What role, if any, should the *Decalogue* play in the life of the Church?

- **Time of restoration:** To set in order again, to bring back to a former condition or state, or to restore.

Additional insight: Revelation 21:5

2 Peter 3:10-13

Vs. 23-26 **The Choice Is Yours: Destroying** means losing one's well-being, being wasted, ruined, and given a worthless existence.

- How is it possible for all the families of the earth to be blessed through the seed of Abraham? Why is it important for people to know the consequences of rejecting the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Additional Insight: Revelation 20:15

Revelation 21:8