



“...and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
Acts 1:8b

Peter Preaches to Jerusalem Jews
Acts 3:11-19
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The Healed Man Clings to the Apostles

Acts 3:11 (NASB)
While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

“Amazement” in Luke/Acts is a response to a mighty work of God
“ Luke 4:36; Luke 5:9; and Luke 24:41 use “amazement”
“ See Acts 2:12

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Peter Points Away From Himself

Acts 3:12 (NASB)
But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”

“ This pattern is repeated in Acts 14:8-15
“ False teachers made themselves out to be something great, (Acts 8:9-11), but the Apostles pointed to Christ

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Promise to the Patriarchs and Fulfillment in Christ

Acts 3:13 (ESV)
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.

“ The Patriarchs are mentioned in Exodus 3:6
“ The Patriarchs are mentioned in Luke 20:37
“ God glorified His Servant, but the Jewish leadership rejected Him (Isaiah 52:13; 53:3)

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Israel Is Indicted by Peter

Acts 3:14 (HCSB)
But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you.

“ “You” is found three times in verses 13 & 14: “You gave over, you denied, you asked for a murderer”
“ “Denied” is repeated from vs 13
“ “Deny” is the opposite of “confess” – Luke 12:8, 9

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Irony: They Killed the Author of Life

Acts 3:15 (ESV)
and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

“ “You killed” . . . “God raised”
“ They asked for a murderer as they became murderers; they thus became what they approved
“ The apostles are witnesses of the resurrected Christ

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Faith in His Name

Acts 3:16 (NASB)

“And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.”

- ~ Faith and name are in a chiastic structure in the Greek
- ~ “you” is used again – they are personal witnesses to the healing of the lame man
- ~ Jesus is both the object and source of saving faith

Unintentional Sin Can Be Forgiven

Acts 3:17, 18 (NASB)

“And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.”

- ~ Unintentional sin is described in Numbers 15:27-31; 1Timothy 1:13; Luke 23:34
- ~ Their sin did not thwart but rather fulfilled God’s purposes: Acts 13:27

Peter Commands Repentance

Acts 3:19a (HCSB)

Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, . . .

- ~ They are no longer ignorant
- ~ God declared His verdict by raising Jesus
- ~ “wiped out” is used in Revelation 3:5 in connection with the Book of Life
- ~ “Return” is used in the NT as a synonym for repentance
- ~ We are to turn from sin to God (Luke 1:16, 17)