

Why did Peter call for Repentance? (vv. 19-21)

“Repent therefore, and turn back, *that your sins may be blotted out*,” (v. 19)

What will be the result if they turn to God? (vv. 19-22)

1. They will have their “sins be blotted out”.
2. “Times of refreshing” will come.
3. Jesus will be sent—come again—to restore all things.

#### “Times of refreshing”

Acts 2:38:

“Peter said to them, ‘**Repent and be baptized** every one of you in the *name of Jesus Christ* for the **forgiveness of your sins**, and you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**.’”

Acts 3:19-20:

“<sup>19</sup> **Repent** therefore, and **turn back**, that your **sins may be blotted out**, <sup>20</sup> that **times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord**,”

Heb. 4: 1-10 “<sup>4</sup> For we who have believed enter that rest,” “<sup>10</sup> for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.”

Rom. 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

Where is Jesus now?

#### How did Peter conclude his address?

3:22-26

He used scriptural foundation to bolster their need to place faith in Jesus.

Acts 3:22-23a is from Deut 18:15-19;

Jesus is the prophet whom Moses said they must obey.

Acts 3:23b is from Lev 23:29;

There is destruction for those who continues to reject.

and Acts 3:25 is from Gen 22:18; cf. 26:4.

The blessing first the Jews and nations is forgiveness of sins

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**Acts 3:11-26**

#### Review

Chap. 1 & 2 – Luke gives a summary introduction that sets up all that he will narrate in the coming stories and examples.

1. Jesus commissioned his apostles to be his witnesses in “Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
2. Jesus ascended and promised to send the Holy Spirit to indwell and empower the followers to continue the ministry of Jesus, the witness of Jesus the Christ.
3. Peter's and the disciples' confidence in the Word of God is displayed by how they handle the replacement of Matthias for Judas.
4. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles who proclaimed the “mighty works of God.”
5. Peter, with the 11 apostles, addressed “Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven” and gave the meaning of the coming of the Holy Spirit.
6. Luke gave a summary statement in 2:42-47 that provides the context to 3-4:31; (1) how believers of Jesus function together and (2) what their core daily practices were; in telling particular stories that bolster the witness of Jesus going forward.

#### Previously

3:1-10 sets the stage.

Peter and John went up to the temple. This happened around 3:00 pm which was the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> prayer practice for the Jews. Peter healed the lame man by the power of Jesus Christ, which was a miracle that amazed everyone. An undeniable event took place at this time at the gate which is called the Beautiful Gate.

#### What prompted Peter to speak?

3:11-12

**Peter, with John, saw an opportunity and seized it with boldness.**

What was the setting? (v. 11)

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

What did Peter do? (v. 12a)

“And when Peter saw it he addressed the people,”

**Excursus:** The two addresses: Acts 2:1-41 vs. Acts 3:1-26

*What was the same?*

- Peter witnessed about Jesus with the authority of the OT.
- The gospel proclaimed to the Jews.
- What prompted the addresses was a misunderstanding about signs and wonders.
- The interpretive meaning of the signs and wonders was given.

*What was different?*

- The signs or wonders were different.
- The location was different: a house vs. the temple.
- The occasion was different: special occasion (nations) vs. ordinary practice (locals).
- The second address emphasized those that refuse will be destroyed.

*Who was the audience?* (v. 12)

“Men of Israel,”

- These individuals practiced what they knew how to honor God.
- These individuals came to the temple to pray and sought to worship God.
- These individuals are expecting the messiah and waits for the messiah.
- These individuals who Peter addressed saw a miracle they cannot deny.

What meaning will they give to the miracle that has taken place? (3:1-11)

**What was Peter address?**

**3:12-16**

*Luke is doing what? What is the function of this address?*

The address has major two sessions, giving meaning and calling for a respond.

- a. The Reality of the person of Jesus as the Messiah.
- b. The Respond of the people to Jesus as the Messiah.

**Peter gives meaning and significant to what took place.**

*How did Peter start his address?* (v. 12)

“..., 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?”

*What was the content of Peter's Address?* (vv. 13-16)

**Who is God?** (v. 13)

They are the chosen people of God.

Who is God to their fathers?  
Therefore, who is God to them?

**Who is Jesus?** (vv. 13-15)

Jesus is the Christ—the Messiah:

The Servant, Holy and Righteous One, Author of Life, Resurrected one.

“Servant – allude to Ia. 52:13-53:12” – the suffering servant.  
Similarity in Peter's address and Prophet Isaiah:

1. Jesus suffered.
2. Jesus's suffering gives way to salvation.
3. Jesus exalted.

Who is Jesus to God?

How did Pilate treat Jesus?  
How did they treat Jesus?

Who is Jesus to the Israelite?

*How should they have responded Jesus?*

“To this we are witnesses.” (v. 15c)

*Jesus is the Messiah: this is truth the people need to receive!*

*How was the lame man healed?* (v. 16)

“And his **name**—by **faith** in his **name**—has made *this man strong whom you see and know*, and the **faith** that is through **Jesus** *has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.*”

**He got heal by God** —————> **He got heal by Jesus** —————> **He got heal by faith**

*Lame man **healed**, Peter gives **meaning**, and ... a call to **response**.*

**What was the desire outcome of Peter's address?**

**3:17-22**

**To call them to repentance with the foundation of OT prophecy and promise.**

*How did Peter start to call for repentance?* (vv. 17-18)

““And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.” (v. 17)

Luke 23:34: And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

“But what **God foretold** by the mouth of all the prophets, that **his Christ** would suffer, *he thus fulfilled.*” (v. 18)