

Acts 3 Study Guide

Review:

Acts 1: Jesus Christ (in His resurrected body) spends more 40 days teaching, showing proofs of His resurrection, and giving direction of “next steps” for the church to be built. (**Verses 1-8**). **Verses 9-11** detail Jesus’ ascension into heaven and angels describe how He will return a 2nd time. Jesus’ followers gather in the Upper Room and proceed to fill Judas’ position with Matthias as well as explaining what happened to Judas.

Acts 2: (Verses 1-41) At Pentecost (50 days after Passover and Jesus’ crucifixion; 10 days after Jesus bodily ascended), all were still gathered together waiting for what Jesus promised. Devout Jews came from all over to Jerusalem for Pentecost (also known Feast of Weeks/Booths). These devout Jews witnessed a sign of flames of tongues visually over Jesus’ followers (came like a wind noise) that enabled them to declare God’s mighty deeds in their own native language (up until this point, was only heard in Hebrew and Aramaic. Peter stands up (most likely from prayer position with others) and explains, through Old Testament prophecy, what they are seeing. Peter then shows how they killed their Messiah by crucifying Jesus. They are convicted and ask what to do. Peter tells them to “repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Peter tells them this is for everyone who does that in order to become God’s child. 3,000 souls are added. **Verses 42-47**, we learn of the church beginnings as they continued to devote themselves to the apostles teaching (which will become our New Testament), to fellowship, to breaking of bread and to prayer. The church begins to take care of each other as they have need and the Lord adds to their number.

Scriptures in Study Guide:

Scriptures this week are in the CSB (Christian Standard Bible). To make things easier, the actual verses will be included in your daily lessons to help you with the missing words. If you have any questions, write them down and we can talk about them in Sunday School.

Day 1 (Acts 3: 1-5)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

3 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple for the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. **2** A man who was lame from birth was being carried there. He was placed each day at the temple gate called Beautiful, so that he could beg from those entering the temple. **3** When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money. **4** Peter, along with John, looked straight at him and said, “Look at us.” **5** So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them.

Verse 1:

- Now Peter _____ John were going up _____ the temple for the time _____ prayer at three _____ the afternoon.
- **Questions:**
- Who were going up to the temple? _____
- When were they going up to the temple? _____
- What happens in a devout Jewish person’s life at three in the afternoon? _____

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Day 1 (Acts 3: 1-5); cont'd

Verse 2:

- A _____ who was lame from _____ was being carried there. He was _____ each day at the temple _____ called Beautiful, so that he _____ beg from those _____ the temple.

- **Questions:**

- What was wrong with this man? _____,
- How long has this man been lame? _____
- How did this man get to the temple gate? _____
- What was the name of the temple gate where this lame man from birth was placed? _____
- What was the purpose of this lame man from birth being placed at the gate called Beautiful? _____

Verse 3:

- _____ he saw Peter _____ John about to enter the _____, he asked _____ money..

- **Questions:**

- Who did the lame men see entering the temple? _____
- What did the lame man from birth ask Peter and John for? _____

Verse 4:

- Peter, _____ with John, looked _____ at him and said, "Look _____ us."

- **Questions:**

- Who looked straight at the man who was lame from birth? _____
- What did Peter and John say to the man who was lame from birth? _____

Verse 5:

- So he _____ to them, expecting to get something _____ them.

- **Question:** When the man turned to look at them, what was he expecting? _____

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Day 2 (Acts 3:6-10)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

6 But Peter said, “I don’t have silver or gold, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!” **7** Then, taking him by the right hand he raised him up, and at once his feet and ankles became strong. **8** So he jumped up and started to walk, and he entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **9** All the people saw him walking and praising God, **10** and they recognized that he was the one who used to sit and beg at the Beautiful Gate of the temple. So they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.

Verse 6:

- But Peter _____, “I don’t have silver or _____, but what I do have, I _____ you: In the name of Jesus _____ of Nazareth, get up _____ walk!”
- **Questions:**
 - What did Peter say he didn’t have? _____
 - What did Peter say that he did have for the man and gives to him? _____
 - What did Peter tell the man to do? _____
- **Note:** Peter here is telling this beggar he has something better than “silver or gold”, he wants to share with this man the healing power of Jesus Christ.

Verse 7:

- Then, _____ him by the _____ hand he raised him up, and at _____ his feet and ankles _____ strong.
- **Questions:**
 - How did Peter take this man by the right hand? _____
 - What happened at once to this man’s feet and ankles “at once”? _____

Verse 8:

- So he _____ up and started to _____, and he entered the _____ with them—walking, _____, and praising God.
- **Questions:**
 - What did the man do once his feet and ankles were strong? entered the _____ - walking, _____ and _____.
 - Where did the formerly lame man enter once he jumped up and started to walk? _____, _____, and _____.
 - Who do you think entered the temple with the formerly lame man? (**See verse 4**) _____ and _____.

Verse 9:

- All _____ people saw him _____ and praising _____.
- **Question:** Who saw the lame man from birth walking and praising God? _____ the people

Verse 10:

- and they _____ that he was the _____ who used to sit and _____ at the Beautiful _____ of the temple. So they were _____ with awe and astonishment at what had _____ to him.
- **Questions:**
 - How did the people recognize this man who was walking and praising God? That _____ was the _____ who used to _____ and beg at the _____ of the temple
 - What were all the people filled with? _____ and _____
 - Why were all the people filled with awe and astonishment? _____

Day 3 (Acts 3:11-15)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

11 While he was holding on to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astonished, ran toward them in what is called Solomon's Colonnade. **12** When Peter saw this, he addressed the people: "Fellow Israelites, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us, as though we had made him walk by our own power or godliness? **13** The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied before Pilate, though he had decided to release him. **14** You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer released to you. **15** You killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this.

Verse 11:

- While he was _____ on to Peter and John, _____ the people, utterly astonished, ran _____ them in what is _____ Solomon's Colonnade.
- **Questions:**
 - Who was the formerly lame man holding onto? _____
 - What was the name of the place that all of the people ran toward? _____

Notes:

- Solomon's Colonnade was the porch surrounding the court of the Gentiles. In the book of **1 Kings**, it's recorded when Solomon built the Lord's temple in writings as "Solomon's Temple". This temple was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar (who we studied in **Daniel 1-4**), king of Babylon Empire, in his 3rd siege of Jerusalem. It was later rebuilt when God returned Israel to the land after their captivity (recorded in **Ezra, Nehemiah, Haggai and Zechariah**).
- The 2nd temple is the one that Jesus came to and this porch/colonnade was where He taught in **John 10**. This was most likely a covered porch to protect from weather as they entered the temple. Many people would've gathered here. This miracle would've drawn more crowds for the sermon that God would preach through Peter.
- This is the **2nd major sermon in the book of Acts** and this is the **purpose** - to gather a crowd for this sermon after witnessing the power of God through this physical healing.

Verse 12:

- When _____ saw this, he addressed _____ people: "_____ Israelites, why are you _____ at this? Why _____ you stare at us, as _____ we had made him _____ by our own _____ or godliness?"
- **Questions:**
 - What does Peter call the people? Fellow what?
 - What 2 things did Peter say when he addressed the people?
 - Why do you _____ at us
 - As though we had made him _____ by our _____ power or _____

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Verse 13:

- The God of _____, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our _____, has glorified his _____ Jesus, whom you _____ over and denied _____ Pilate, though he had _____ to release him.
- **Questions:**
 - How does Peter identify the “God of our ancestors”? The God of _____, _____ and _____.
 - Who has the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob glorified? _____
 - Write out **John 17:1**:

- What does Peter call Jesus in regard to God? His _____ Jesus.

Fill in **Philippians 2:5-8 (CSB version)** -

5 Adopt the _____ attitude _____ that of Christ _____, **6** who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. **7** Instead _____ emptied himself by _____ the form of a _____, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, **8** he _____ himself by becoming _____ to the point of death— even to _____ on a cross.

- What does Peter say his “fellow Israelites” did to God’s servant Jesus?
_____ and _____ before Pilate.
- What had Pilate decided to do with Jesus even those Israel had handed Jesus over and denied Him? _____.

Note: Pilate pronounced Jesus innocent 7 times (see **Luke 23:4, Luke 23:6-15, Luke 23:22; Matthew 27:24, John 19:4, John 19:6; John 19:7-12**)

Verse 14:

- You _____ the Holy _____ Righteous One and _____ to have a murderer _____ to you.
- **Questions:**
- In **verse 14**, Who did Peter say his fellow Israelites denied? _____
- Who did they ask to have released instead? _____
- Write out **Luke 23:18**:

Verse 15:

- You _____ the source of life, whom God _____ from the dead; we _____ witnesses of this.
- **Questions:**
- In **verse 15**, Who does Peter say that his fellow Israelites killed?

- Write out **John 1:3**:

- Where did God raise the “source of life” from? _____
- What does Peter say that he, and those with him, are of these events? _____
Note: the resurrection of Jesus Christ is proof that Jesus was/is the Son of God and the Jews long awaited Messiah. Peter is confronting them with their denial of Jesus as their Messiah as well as their hand in His physical death. And Peter is testifying, by his own witness and those who also saw all of this, that what Scripture has said has been fulfilled.

Day 4 (Acts 3:16-21)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn today from His Word.
Read **Acts 3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

16 By faith in his name, his name has made this man strong, whom you see and know. So the faith that comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health in front of all of you. **17** “And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did. **18** In this way God fulfilled what he had predicted through all the prophets—that his Messiah would suffer. **19** Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, **20** that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send Jesus, who has been appointed for you as the Messiah. **21** Heaven must receive him until the time of the restoration of all things, which God spoke about through his holy prophets from the beginning.

Verse 16:

- By _____ in his name, his _____ has made this _____ strong, whom you see and _____.
- So the faith that _____ through Jesus has given him this _____ health in front of all of you.
- **Questions:**
 - How does Peter explain how this lame man from birth can now walk? _____
 - What has faith in the name of Jesus Christ made this man? _____
 - How does Peter describe this healed man to them in **verse 16**? whom you _____
 - Instead of Peter and John, how has this man been given perfect health? _____
 - According to **verse 16**, Peter shares that this miracle occurred where in relation to these “fellow Israelites? in _____ of _____ of you.

Verse 17:

- “And now, _____ and sisters, I know that you _____ in ignorance, just _____ your leaders _____ did.
- **Question:** What, does Peter say, that they have acted in? _____

Verse 18:

- In this _____ God fulfilled what _____ had predicted _____ all the prophets—that his Messiah _____ suffer.
- **Questions:**
 - In their ignorance, what did God fulfill? _____ he had _____ through _____ the prophets
 - What did God predict through all the prophets? That _____ would _____.
 - Write out **Isaiah 53:4**: _____

Verse 19-20:

- Therefore _____ and turn _____, so that your _____ may be _____ out,
- that _____ of refreshing may come from the _____ of the Lord, and that he _____ send Jesus, who has been _____ for you as the _____.
- **Questions:**
 - Since Peter, in this sermon, convicts them of this sin of rejecting their Messiah, he now tells them to “therefore” do what? _____
 - What will happen when they “repent and turn back”? _____
 - Once their sins are wiped out, what type of seasons will come from the presence of the Lord? _____
 - Who will God send if they repent and turn back”? _____
 - What has Jesus been appointed to be for them? _____

Verse 21:

- Heaven _____ receive him until the _____ of the restoration of _____ things, which _____ spoke about _____ his holy prophets from the _____.

Question: Heaven must receive Jesus until what time)? _____

- **Note:** “the restoration of all things” is when all of Israel believes Jesus is their Messiah; Millennial Kingdom.

Day 5 (Acts 3:22-26)

Pray God open your heart and understanding to what He would have you learn from His Word.
Read **Acts 3** out loud and complete the following verses and questions.

22 Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must listen to everything he tells you. **23** And everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be completely cut off from the people. **24** “In addition, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, have also foretold these days. **25** You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, And all the families of the earth will be blessed through your offspring. **26** God raised up his servant and sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways.”

Verse 22:

- Moses _____: The Lord your _____ will raise up for you a _____ like me from _____ your brothers.
- You _____ listen to everything _____ tells you.
- **Questions:**
- Moses said that the Lord your God would raise up for them who?

- This prophet would come from where? _____ your _____.
- What did Moses say they would need to do when this prophet rose up from among them?

- Write out **Luke 9:35**:

Verse 23:

- And _____ who does _____ listen to that prophet _____ be completely cut off from _____ people.
- **Question:** What will happen to everyone who does not listen to “that prophet”? _____

Verse 24:

- “In _____, all the prophets who have _____, from Samuel and those _____ him, have also _____ these days.
- **Question:** Who foretold “these days”?

- Write out **Luke 16:31**:

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Verse 25:

- You _____ the sons of _____ prophets and of the covenant that _____ made with your _____, saying to Abraham, And all the _____ of the earth will be blessed through _____ offspring.
- **Questions:**
- Who are they sons of?

- What did God make with their ancestors that they also are a part of? the _____
Note: A “covenant” is a binding agreement
- How many families of the earth would be blessed through Abraham’s offspring? _____

Verse 26:

- God raised ____ his servant and sent him _____ to you to bless you by turning each of ____ from your evil ways.”
 - **Questions:**
 - What nation did God “send up” His servant to first? (who Peter is speaking to, **verse 12**)

 - What was God’s purpose to raise up his servant, Jesus and send Him to them first? To _____ you by _____ each of _____ from _____ ways.
- Fill in the blanks for **Romans 1:16** (Christian Standard Bible **[CSB]** version): “For I am not ashamed of the _____, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, _____ to the _____, and _____ to the _____”
*Greek means gentile; that’s anyone who is not a Jewish person.

Note: “Why did Luke choose to chronicle this particular miracle?

The answer is two-fold:

- 1) because it was an occasion for a second sermon of Peter’s, which Luke wants us to hear; and
- 2) because the miracle and the sermon were the cause of the first persecution of the church.”

(Boice, James Montgomery, *Acts: an Expository Commentary*, Baker Books, 1997, p. 64).

We will see persecution of Jesus’ followers from this point forward.