

*Message 3*  
The **POWER** of Jesus Christ of Nazareth – Part I  
Acts 3-4:31

This message is on Acts 3: Peter and John praying, healing, and preaching.

Key Verse: *Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by Him does this man stand here before you in health – Acts 4:10*

Outline: I. The ministry of the Apostles in **Jerusalem**, Judea, and Samaria – Acts 1-12 (Highlighted through the life of Peter)

2A. The **POWER** of Jesus Christ of Nazareth – 3-4:31 – Part I

1B. A **DESIGNATED** time for prayer – 3:1; Psalm 27 & 55:16-17; Dan. 6:10

2B. A **DESIRE** to serve others – 3:2-10; Phil. 2:1-4

1C. The **COMPASSION** of the apostles – 2-4

2C. The **CONFIDENCE** of the apostles – 5-10

3B. The **DECLARATION** from Peter – 11-26

1C. The lame man **CLUNG** to Peter and John – 11

2C. **CONSIDER** the source of their power – 11-12; Psalm 62:11

Note: Solomon's Porch was included along the east wall of the Temple mount and was located at the front of the Temple which faced east. The Beautiful Gate (possibly the Double Gate and its monumental stairway<sup>1</sup>) of the Temple may have been located at the south side of the temple.

3C. The **COMMUNICATION** of the Gospel – 13-26

1D. The **IDENTITY** of the true God – 13

2D. The **ISSUE** was **IGNORANCE** – 13-15 & 17 (see Paul's testimony – 1 Timothy 1:12-14)

- *you all delivered up – 13*
- *and denied – 13*
- *Pilate determined – 13*
- *but you all denied – 14*
- *and desired – 14*
- *and killed – 15*
- *through ignorance – 17*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.ritmeyer.com/2010/12/14/the-beautiful-gate-of-the-temple/>

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3D. The **INCARNATE** Christ – 13-15

- *His SON JESUS* – 13 & 26; John 1:1, 14; 5:17-18
- *the HOLY ONE<sup>2</sup>* – 14; Isaiah 12:6; 43:3; 47:4; 48:17; 49:17
- *and the JUST or RIGHTEOUS ONE* – 14; Jer. 23:6; 33:16
- *the PRINCE OF LIFE* – 15; Dan. 9:25; Isaiah 9:6; Ez. 34:1-31, 24 & 37:25; Dan. 8:11; 25; Zech. 11:13

4D. The **INTENSITY** of their witness – 15-17 – *these people killed Christ and you are His witnesses? They could kill you, too!*

5D. The **INNERRANCY** of God's Written Word – 17-18: Gen. 3:15; Ps. 2, 16, 22, 110 are Messianic Psalms about Jesus) Is. 7:14; 9:6; 53; Jer. 31...

6D. The **INJUNCTION** to REPENT! – 19a

Note: we must be committed to the Scriptures, for they are “*spirit and they are life*” – John 6:63; 2 Tim. 3:14-16. Jesus said to “*repent and believe the Gospel*” – Mark 1:15. “*...times of refreshing...*” – John 7:37-39 & 14:16; Matt. 11:28-30.

7D. The **INESCAPABLE** future – 19b-24

- *times of refreshing from the Lord's presence* – 19
- *He shall send Jesus Christ* – 20
- *the times of restitution of all things* – 21
- *a prophet shall the Lord your God raise up* - 22
- *destroyed from among the people* – 23
- *likewise foretold these days* – 24

Note: the importance of the Scriptures – specifically the Prophets. Unbelievers mock Bible prophecy and foolish Christian leaders teach to avoid Bible prophecy (this is deception), but the Scriptures record the apostles continually reminding believers of our blessed Hope and glorious future – 1 & 2 Thessalonians, Titus, 2 Peter, Jude, & Revelation to offer a few instances!

8D. Blessed to turn from **INIQUITIES** – 25-26

Note: “*to the Jew first and also to the Greek*” – Romans 1:16. The Abrahamic Covenant is recorded in Genesis 12; the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31; Matt. 26:26-28) is its fulfillment! Praise the LORD☺

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<sup>2</sup> Used 31 times in the Bible! 25 times in Isaiah!