

ACTS

The Triumph of The Holy Spirit



Acts continues Jesus!

We continue Acts!

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this:
***God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified,
both Lord and Messiah.***”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart
and said to Peter and the other apostles,
“Brothers, ***what shall we do?***”

Peter replied, “**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**.”

The promise is for **you** and **your children** and for **all who are far off**— for **all** whom the Lord our God will call.”

With **many other words** he **warned** them; and he **pleaded** with them, “**Save yourselves** from this **corrupt** generation.”

Those who accepted his message were **baptized**, and about three thousand were **added to their number** that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and miraculous signs done by the apostles.

All the believers were **together** and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet **together** in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate **together** with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the **Lord added to their number** daily those who were being saved.

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One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

Now a man who was ***lame from birth*** was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, ***where he was put every day to beg*** from those going into the temple courts.

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”

So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. ***In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.***”

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ***He jumped to his feet and began to walk.*** Then he went with them into the temple courts, ***walking and jumping, and praising God.***

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Isaiah 35

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "People of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

***The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob,
the God of our fathers,
has glorified his servant Jesus.***

You **handed Jesus over** to be killed, and you **disowned him** before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You **disowned the Holy and Righteous One** and asked that a murderer be released to you.

You killed the author of life, but **God raised him from the dead**. We are witnesses of this. By **faith in the name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know was made strong.

It is **Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him** that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he ***had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.***

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, ... Jesus.

Heaven must receive him ***until the time comes for God to restore everything***, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

... When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

The **priests** and the **captain of the temple guard** and the **Sadducees** came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, **proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.**

They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

But **many who heard the message believed,** and the number of believers grew to about five thousand.

The next day the **rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law** met in Jerusalem. **Annas the high priest** was there, and so were **Caiaphas, John, Alexander** and **others of the high priest's family**.

They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: **“By what power or what name did you do this?”**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: **It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.**

Jesus is

“ ‘the stone you builders rejected,
which has become the cornerstone.’

Salvation is found in no one else,
for there is ***no other name*** given under
heaven by which we must be saved.”

When they saw the **courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were **unschooled, ordinary men**, they were astonished and they took note that **these men had been with Jesus**. But since **they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them**, there was nothing they could say.

So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows **they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it**.

But to **stop this thing from spreading any further** among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.”

But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges!

As for us, ***we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.***”

After ***further threats*** they let them go. They could not decide ***how to punish them***, because all the people were praising God for what had happened. For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “**Sovereign Lord**,” they said, “**you made** the heaven and the earth and the sea, and **everything** in them. **You spoke** by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

“ ‘Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth take their stand
and the rulers gather together
against the Lord
and against his Anointed One.’

“Indeed ***Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel*** in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Now, Lord, ***consider their threats*** and ***enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders*** through ***the name*** of your holy servant Jesus.”

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was ***shaken***. And ***they were all filled with the Holy Spirit*** and spoke the word of God boldly.

When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,
Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

The sea looked and fled, the Jordan River turned back;
the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.

Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?
Why, mountains, did you leap like rams, you hills, like lambs?

***Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,***

He who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.

Psalm 114

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, ***be filled with the Spirit, speaking*** to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit.

Sing and make music from your heart ***to the Lord***, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, ***in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ***.

Ephesians 5.18-20

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The Name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

His authority, His power

we're baptized "in His name"

“Filled with the Holy Spirit”

Times of clear vision, on-target speech

... and more

Seek God for this!

