

Jesus' Ministry Continues
Lesson #18
Acts 2:42-4:4

The Early Days - Acts 2:42-27

1. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter's first sermon brought 3,000 men of Israel into the Kingdom of God. After hearing the message of Jesus of Nazareth, these men accepted Jesus as their Messiah and immediately were baptized as a way of identifying their new life in Christ. What did Luke say these new believers devoted themselves to? (Acts 2:42)

2. Why did Luke say, "Everyone was filled with awe?" (Acts 2:43)

3. In these early days, there was great unity among the believers. Make a list of what Luke said they were doing. (Acts 2:44-47a)

4. What was the Lord doing at this same time? (Acts 2:47b)

Peter Continued Jesus' Ministry - Acts 3:1-10

5. The purpose of someone's being a disciple was to become what his rabbi was. Jesus had lived among and taught his twelve young disciples for three years. Now, Peter stepped into that role for which Jesus had disciplined him. In this first story, using Acts 3:1 & 2:
 - What two disciples were together?

 - Where were they going?

 - Why were they going there at this particular time?

 - What time was it?

 - Why was a man being carried in?

- Where was the man placed?
 - Why was he place there?
6. *"When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money."* What did Peter say to this man? (Acts 3:4)
 7. Now that Peter had the man's attention, what was the man expecting? (Acts 3:5)
 8. But what the man expected and what he was about to receive were not the same thing. What did Peter say to him? (Acts 3:6)
 9. From the earliest days onward, Peter and the other apostles always understood (and gave credit to) the true source of power. Whom did Peter say he was representing? (Acts 3:6b)
 10. How did Peter heal this man? (Acts 3:7)
 11. What did the man do immediately after Peter's touch? (Acts 3:8)
 12. How long had this man been crippled? (Acts 3:2a)
 13. That type of healing was unheard of even in those days, yet here he was walking and praising God in front of their eyes. What did the people do when they saw this man walking among them? (Acts 3:9 & 10)

Peter's Second Sermon – Acts 3:11-26

14. Word always travels fast, especially when it is of the miraculous. Luke said, *"All the people were astonished and came running to them."* Where were they located at this time? (Acts 3:11)

15. Peter had learned his lessons well from his rabbi. To help draw the audience in, he, like Jesus, asked them questions. What did Peter ask the gathering crowd? (Acts 3:12)

16. How did Peter answer his own questions? (Acts 3:13a)

17. These questions gave Peter an opportunity to give his second sermon. He opened by using the word "you" six times. Summarize what Peter said "you" did. (Acts 3:13b-18)

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18. What was Peter's explanation for how this man was healed? (Acts 3:16a)

19. In order to emphasize his point, what did he add? (Acts 3:16b)

20. Calling the crowd his "brothers" (meaning in heritage), he said they had acted in ignorance. Whom else did he include in that ignorant group? (Acts 3:17)

21. Whom would this crowd have understood that Peter was referring to?
 - Luke 22:52

- Luke 22:54

22. What did Peter say that this group was ignorant about? (Acts 3:18)
23. At this point Peter paused in his explanations to call the audience to action. What does he plead with them to do and why? (Acts 3:19)
24. Continuing, Peter said that God would send "*The Christ, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus.*" And that was exactly what they had been expecting, hoping and waiting for. Using Acts 3:21
- Where did Peter say that Jesus was now?
 - When did he say what they had hoped for (the Kingdom of God) would take place?
25. Then Peter quoted from Israel's greatest prophet, Moses, the giver of The Law. What did Peter say Moses had prophesied about the Christ? (Acts 3:22 & 23)
26. Those were some pretty powerful and harsh words. But Peter did not let up even then. Besides Moses, who else did Peter include as prophesied about "*these days?*" (Acts 3:24)
27. How did Peter make his audience understand that the message of the prophets applied to them as well as their forefathers?
- Acts 3:25
 - Acts 3:26

