

Acts: The Choice

Acts 3:11-26

The Opportunity (v. 11-16)

- Peter sees the interest of the crowd in the man's healing as an opportunity to share the Gospel (v. 11)
 - The miraculous is always meant to bring people to a deeper faith in Jesus
- Peter declares that the power to heal is not found in Peter & John, but rather through the name of Jesus (v. 12, 16)
 - They deflect the glory to where it belongs, squarely at the feet of Jesus (v. 13a)
- He points out their culpability in Jesus' death (v. 13b-15)
 - And the fact that Jesus' resurrection proved Him to be the Author of Life
- Peter claims he understands that their actions against Jesus were out of ignorance
 - And yet, the Scriptures clearly pointed that Jesus' suffering confirmed His role as Messiah
 - See Isa. 43-53

The Choice (v. 17-26)

- Because of the witness of Scripture:
 - They can no longer claim ignorance (v. 17)
 - They can see God keeping His promises through Jesus (v. 18, 21-25)
 - Including the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:3b) & the Prophet like Moses (Deut. 18:15-18)
 - Even though some of them will not see complete fulfillment until His second coming
- With this truth in view, a choice is laid before them (and us as well)
- What do we do with Jesus?
 - If we receive Him, we must repent* of our rebellion against God
 - The result is refreshing/restoration & blessings
 - If we reject Him, we remain in rebellion against God
 - The result is destruction (v. 23)

So What?

- What do we do with Jesus?
 - Repent & obey?
 - Reject Him & rebel?
- The results of each choice are clear

Meditation Verse: Acts 3:19-20

