



## "It's All About Jesus"

Acts 3:12-26  
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**The Big Idea:** After a miraculous healing Peter explains that the healing and all of life finds its meaning in **Jesus**. The healing of the man was through Jesus, the **forgiveness** of sin is found in work of Jesus, and the meaning of a life **blessed** by God is found through transforming ministry of Jesus.

### Acts 3:12-26 (ESV)

**3** <sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. <sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people:

"Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own **power** or **piety** we have made him walk?

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

<sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

<sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. **To this we are witnesses.** <sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—**has made this man strong** whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> "And now, brothers, I know that you **acted in ignorance**, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

<sup>19</sup> **Repent** therefore, and **turn** back, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

<sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the

things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

<sup>22</sup> Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you **a prophet** like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you. <sup>23</sup> And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.' <sup>24</sup> And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days. <sup>25</sup> You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' <sup>26</sup> God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

### What We Learn From the Healing and Peter's Sermon

1. God will show His power in miraculous ways **when** He chooses to, and it is **always** for His own glory in drawing us to trust Christ.
2. God's healing mercy and generous grace are the source of His **kindness** to people, but He often chooses to respond only when there is great **faith** present in the moment of need.
3. I should never seek to turn my faith or prayers into a "**blank check**" that God is required to honor. The Lord does miracles when He chooses to do miracles.
4. Our sin is the reason we need Jesus. If we repent, He will **forgive** and give us His **righteousness**.
5. Jesus wants to **bless** you. He also wants His people to be a blessing to others.

Isaiah 53:2-6

1 Peter 3:18

2 Corinthians 5:21

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Jesus is not only willing to cancel your sin debt, He expunges the record of it having ever existed. When He writes the name of those He saves in the Lamb's Book of Life He promises that name will never be blotted out [Revelation 3:5].

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