

# Acts of the Apostles

## Lesson 3 Acts 2:47-4:22

In Chapter 2, we saw the Apostles baptized in the Holy Spirit, as the Lord promised. The Spirit manifested himself so as to draw the attention not simply of the disciples but of people throughout Jerusalem and to show that God was fulfilling His promise of salvation to all peoples through His Son, Jesus. The Apostles then powerfully declared their witness of Jesus, with the Apostle Peter proclaiming Jesus as the Messiah of God and promised "Son of David." Peter declared the resurrection of Jesus by God the Father and His ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven as the ultimate proof of Jesus as the Messiah. And he declared to those who believed that they could receive the promised salvation and gift of the Spirit through baptism into Jesus Christ. "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

### **Chapter 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers**

**Question 1:** What characterized the spirit of this gathering of Christians? vv. 42-43.

**Question 2:** What was their attitude toward each other? How did they show it? What role did eating together and being together play?

**Question 3:** How did their attitude toward God and each other impact unbelievers?

### **Chapter 3:1-8 Peter and John at the "Gate Beautiful"**

**Question 4:** What does Peter's statement to the lame beggar emphasize about the basis of the Apostles' ministry? vv. 6, 12

### **Chapter 3:9-26 Peter's Sermon at Solomon's Portico**

- vv. 9-16

**Question 5:** What impact did the miracle have on the worshippers at the temple? v. 9-11

**Question 6:** How does Peter describe Jesus in relation to God the Father? v.13. What significance would his description of Jesus as God's glorified "servant" have for Jews? Isaiah 52:13-15.

**Question 7:** How is Jesus described in relation to His crucifixion? vv. 14-15. What proof does Peter give to support that his claims about Jesus are true? v. 15b.

**Question 8:** What does Peter say the healing shows? v. 16. See also 1 Pet 1:21.

- vv. 17-26

**Question 9:** What appeal to Old Testament prophecy does Peter make? What prophetic position does Peter claim for Jesus? vv. 18,22,25.

**Question 10:** What authority does Peter assert for Jesus? v. 21 And what blessing does Peter say Jesus will bring? v. 20-21, 24-25.

#### **Chapter 4: 1-22 Peter and John Before the Jewish Council**

- vv. 1-4

**Question 11:** What was the focus of the Apostles' preaching that prompted official opposition? v.2

- vv. 5-12

**Question 12:** For what purpose did the Holy Spirit "fill" Peter before the council? vv. 10-12. See Matt. 10:22; Jn. 15:26-27.

**Question 13:** How did Peter describe Jesus? vv. 11-12. Ps. 118:19-24. What recurring proof of Jesus' authority and position did the Spirit proclaim through Peter? v.10.

- vv. 13-22

**Question 14:** What did the Spirit achieve through the Apostles? vv. 13, 21-22.

**Question 15:** What example of faith do the Apostles give us? vv. 19-20. What was the source of their "boldness"? vv. 8, 19-20.