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Acts 2:47

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Change the focus from Yourself to Jesus. *Acts 3:14-16*

Change focus from their own self-righteousness to their guilt. *Acts 3:17-19*

Of mercy, but also a warning.

Change the focal point from their separation from God to a relationship with God.

Acts 3:20-26

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Acts 3: The Church's Message

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Acts 2:47 NLT all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

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Acts 3:12-13 NLT Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. “People of Israel,” he said, “what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? ¹³ For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to His servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate’s decision to release Him.

Acts 3:16 “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.

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“You handed Him over to be killed.”

“You rejected the Holy and Righteous One.”

“You killed the Author of life.”

“You see and know that was healed.”

“You can all see.”

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Acts 3:17-19 NLT “Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. ¹⁸ But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that He must suffer these things. ¹⁹ Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away.

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Jesus never accepted people and accepted their sinful ways.

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Acts 3:20-26 NLT Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will again send you Jesus, your appointed Messiah. ²¹ For He must remain in heaven until the time for the final restoration of all things, as God promised long ago through His holy prophets. ²² Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own people. Listen carefully to everything He tells you.’ ²³ Then Moses said, ‘Anyone who will not listen to that Prophet will be completely cut off from God’s people.’ ²⁴ “Starting with Samuel, every prophet spoke about what is happening today. ²⁵ You are the children of those prophets, and you are included in the covenant God promised to your ancestors. For God said to Abraham, ‘Through your descendants all the families on earth will be blessed.’ ²⁶ When God raised up His servant, Jesus, He sent Him first to you people of Israel, to bless you by turning each of you back from your sinful ways.”

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