

Acts 3

Observation Questions, "What does the passage say?"

Acts 3:1-16

1. Where are Peter and John going? and when?
2. Who else is there? How is he described? What is he doing? Where is he doing it?
3. What does the man ask of Peter and John?
4. What does Peter tell the man?
5. Why does the man pay attention to Peter?
6. What does Peter do and say in verse 6?
7. What happens to the man? What is his response?
8. Who sees him? How do they respond?
9. What is the man doing in verse 11? What are all the people doing?
10. What does Peter tell them happened?
11. How does Peter describe the treatment of Jesus?
12. How is Jesus described by Peter?
13. How does Peter explain what happened to the man?
14. What else do you observe?

Interpretation: What does this passage mean?

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1. What is the ninth hour? Why is this significant?
2. Are the details of the location and time important? Why or why not?
3. What do you make of the harshness of Peter's words to the people?
4. What does this passage tell us about faith (v. 16)?
5. What is the man looking for, what does he receive, what comes first?
6. What questions raised by the passage did you find interesting and pursue?
7. What questions are still unanswered?

Application: What does the passage mean to me?

Acts 3:1-16

1. When was the last time you felt like jumping up and down in praise to God?
2. The disciples asked Jesus to help them with faith, where does your faith need help?
3. The lame man was a beggar, where are you in such need of your life that you are begging God for help? Maybe he is looking to meet your need in an unexpected way. Take a fresh look at what you are asking from God.
4. How did God challenge, encourage, confront you from this passage?

Observation Questions, "What does the passage say?"

Acts 3:17-26

15. How does Peter address his audience in v. 17?
16. What does he tell them to do?
17. What does this passage say about God? Christ?
18. What Old Testament figures are mentioned in this passage?
19. What happens to those who do not listen to the prophet (v. 23)?
20. Note any other observations: Who, What, Where, Why, When, How?

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8. One of Luke's themes is the fulfillment of prophecy. Where in the Old Testament does God tell of the suffering of Christ? (Look up Isaiah 53 & Psalm 22 to start. Can you come up with any others?)
9. Who is the audience? What do they need to repent of? What do they need to return to? What are their wicked ways (vs. 19, 26)?
10. Look at verse 20 and 26. What priority does God give to the Jews? Does it continue to our day?
11. Compare this passage with Luke 11:14-54.
12. What is the period of restoration referred to in v. 21?
13. Should the word "prophet" in verse 23 be capitalized? Who is it referring to? If you have a New King James it is capitalized, is it warranted?
14. Verse 24 says that "these days" were announced by all the prophets from Samuel and his successors onward. What days are referred to?
15. What else strikes you in this passage? Where did your interest take you in study?

Application: What does the passage mean to me?

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5. The idea of repent and return may be an issue for you. In what ways do you need to return to your first love (Rev. 2:5)? What action, attitude do you need to turn away from? Spend some time in reflection around your devotion to Christ?