

## Acts 3:11-26

### INTRODUCTION: Acts 2:43, 3:9-10

**3:11** – They couldn't deny the miracle – **2:12**

- Peter was ready when God gave him opportunity – 2 Tim. 4:2
- *“held on to”* – **3:7** – Peter wants to RE-DIRECT them to Jesus.

**3:12** – This was done in the power of Jesus' Name – **3:6**

- We often miss opportunities God gives us – Esther 4:14
- *“Why do you look so intently at us?”* – **3:4, 3:6**
- Being saved won't automatically lead someone to Jesus, but your TESTIMONY will ... the REASON why you're different.

**3:13-15** – They didn't succeed in getting rid of Jesus.

- *“you”* – Peter gets PERSONAL ... a personal response – **4:4**

**3:14** – Salvation in a nut-shell ... the innocent dying, and the guilty being set free ... Barabbas, a picture of the LOST.

- Peter preached for personal conviction – **4:1-3**
- We have tendency to *“water down”* the Gospel – **3:19-20**
- Peter also gave them HOPE – **3:26**
- God used their evil for good – Genesis 50:20

**3:15** – *“Prince of life”* – **3:21**, John 1:1-5

- The healing power of Jesus wasn't gone when He left earth.
- They actually SPREAD the power of Jesus – Hebrews 13:8, John 14:12

**3:17-18** – Jesus fulfilled all the O.T. prophecies of Messiah.

- *“ignorance”* – Sins done in *“ignorance”* were forgivable, but sins done intentionally had no sacrifice – Numbers Ch. 15, Luke 23:34

**3:19-21** – Peter calls them to *“R & R”* – **2:38**

- REPENTANCE – Realize ... Turn ... Change ... Contrition.

**3:19** – *“blotted out”* – Micah 7:19, Psalm 103:12

- Jesus chooses not to remember our sin – Hebrews 10:17
- *“times of refreshing”* – Sin's bondage is too heavy – Mt. 11:30

Peter knew his Bible! – 2 Timothy 2:15

### CONCLUSION: SIN is PERSONAL!

- Jesus came to set you free from the slavery of sin.