

Declaring God's Glory (4)

Acts 3:11-26

The healing of the lame beggar drew a crowd around Peter and John and set the stage for Peter's second sermon. Here on Solomon's Porch, where the early church would often meet for worship, Peter again sets a standard for the preaching of the Gospel. Peter begins his sermon by identifying the source of the miracle and develops the truth that, now, God Himself, has glorified His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The sermon centers on God's Servant, Jesus Christ, whom Israel had disowned and crucified and whom God had raised from the dead. Peter stresses the various titles of Jesus and identifies "*the name of Jesus*" as the powerful agent in the miracle and "*the name of Jesus*" as the source of forgiveness and Salvation. In Peter's call to repentance, he identifies the far-reaching grace of God that will even bring forgiveness for Israel's sin of crucifying the "*the Prince of Life*" and transform the lives of those who believe in Him. Peter goes on to identify the beauty of God's salvation through faith in Jesus by pointing to the "*times of refreshing that come from the presence of Jesus*" and the future hope of "*the times of restoration of all things*".

God, Himself, declares the glory of God...

(1) Jesus . . . God's Servant

(2) 2. Jesus . . . the Holy One

(3) Jesus . . . the Righteous One

(4) Jesus . . . The Prince of Life