

Discussion Guide

1. We believe that Israel has not been completely forsaken by God. Read through the entire sermon and note how Peter assures us that they have a future. Read Romans 11
2. Peter and John model the need for humility. Make a list of the ways pride can get in the way of our witnessing.
3. Peter demonstrates a pattern evangelism. How can we speak of God and at the same time build common ground with those we are witnessing to? What about creation?
4. What does Peter's sermon tell us about the importance of the O. T.?
5. Why is it important that we not shy away from addressing sin? How do we overcome our tendency to avoid it?

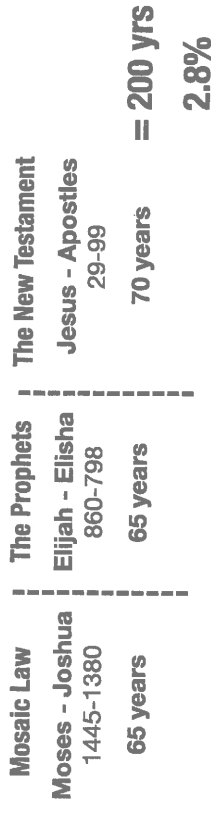
ANSWERS: temporarily, resist, straightforward



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Lesson: 26

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Miracles throughout redemptive history



A pattern found throughout the Bible:

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| Tongues | Amazement | 1 st Sermon | 3,000 saved |
| Healing | Amazement | 2 nd Sermon | 2,000 saved |

Acts 3:1-18 While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. 12 But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk? 13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. 14 "But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

The Holy Spirit's sovereign work:

1. He orchestrated the timing of the miracle.
2. He selected the lame beggar who was familiar to all.
3. He drew Peter and John's attention to the beggar that day when they had crossed paths many times before.
4. He provides a living illustration for the sermon by keeping all three together.

All the orchestration of providence points to the miracle of salvation.

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"clinging" [kratos] - to seize forcefully

Indictment # 1

13b the one whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

Indictment # 2

14 "But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

Indictment # 3

15 but put to death the Prince of life,

Implications

When giving the gospel we must be courteous and kind, but we also have to be bold, courageous, and _____ in addressing sin.

“servant” “His servant”

O. T. passages where Jesus is the Servant.

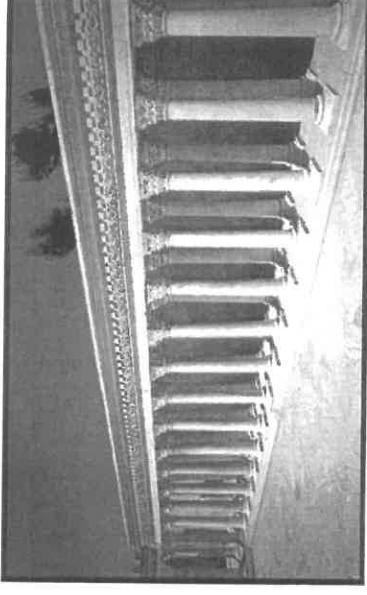
Isaiah 42:1 “Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, My servant, will prosper, He will be high and lifted up and greatly exalted.

Isaiah 53: 11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of Isaiah’s servant

Matthew 12:15–21 But Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. Many followed Him, and He healed them all, 16 and warned them not to tell who He was. 17 This was to fulfill what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet: 18 “Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen; My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased; I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He shall proclaim justice to the Gentiles.



“full of amazement” [ekthambos]

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“Men of Israel”

This sermon was directed at the Jews.

Acts 3:25 "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the **covenant** which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

"are" - Present tense, Indicative mood

Israel has been _____ **set aside,**
but not **totally forsaken.**

We should always _____ **taking credit**
for our **spiritual accomplishments.**

2 Corinthians 3:5 Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider **anything** as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,

1 Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

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Revelation 4:10 the twenty-four elders will fall down before Him who sits on the throne, and will worship Him who lives forever and ever, and will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

13 "The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus,

"The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob"

1. He builds on common ground.

"the God of **"our"** fathers"

2. He stresses the continuity of his message with the O.T. prophets.

The title appears about a dozen times and on significant occasions.

Exodus 3:6, Gen 50:24, 1 Kings 18:36

"glorified His servant"

Acts 2:32-33 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. 33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

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