

/We will now begin the fifth lecture of Acts. /We will begin with Acts 3:11.

/Read 3:11. /While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

/Peter and John healed the crippled man through the power of Jesus. /This person who was cured of his illness held on to Peter and John. /This person was astonished that he was cured of his illness through Peter.

/Also, this healed person followed the apostles. /Then all the people were astonished. /This incident of the crippled man standing up was a very remarkable one. /Hence, many people gathered in Solomon's Colonnade.

/Some people gathered out of curiosity, /others gathered to observe, /some gathered to be healed, /and there were others who came to believe in Jesus and receive salvation.

/News about the healing of the crippled man spread all through Jerusalem.

/Verse 12. /When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

/Many people thought highly of Peter and John. /Many people tried to deify Peter and John. /They tried to idolize Peter and John.

/At that time, Peter and John told them correctly. /They told the people, "It is not our strength that healed this lame man." /"We did not heal this person."

/They said, "We healed this man only by the power of Jesus and by Jesus' name." /Peter and

John denied themselves. /They humbled themselves. /They lifted up Jesus alone. /They boasted of Jesus.

/Everyone is the same. /Therefore, we must lift up Jesus alone and testify. /We must not complete any tasks well and boast of ourselves. /We must boast only of the Lord, knowing that all things are by the grace of God.

/Verse 13. /The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

/Peter testified to the Jews about the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. /God glorified his Son Jesus. /Our Jesus died on the cross and rose again.

/God sent Christ just as he promised the forefathers of the Jews. /Here, it says that Jesus is God's servant. /This shows that Jesus is the Messiah.

/That is because the Lord absolutely obeyed God. /Our Jesus was completely obedient before God. /Our Jesus took on the role of God's absolute servant. /Therefore, God lifted up Jesus and glorified Him.

/Verses 14-15. /You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

/Peter said that the Jews denied the holy and righteous Jesus. /They killed Jesus. /Then they released the murderer.

/Pilate passed judgment upon Jesus before Jesus was crucified on the cross. /The Jews told Pilate, "Crucify Jesus, and instead, release the robber Barabbas."

/Jesus is the Lord of life. /God brought Jesus back to life. /Jesus carried out righteousness.
/He was submissive to the point of death. /He resurrected. /He is our Savior.

/How truly evil were the Jews? /The chief priests and the teachers of the law were evil
people. /They killed Jesus who had no sins. /How ignorant and foolish were they?

/They were unaware that Jesus is the Lord of life, and they killed Him. /Peter boldly testified
to this incident. /Peter testified well.

/Verse 16. /By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know
was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him
that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

/The healing of the crippled man was done in the name of Jesus. /The crippled man was
healed through faith in the name of Jesus Christ.

/This crippled man fully recovered from his illness through faith in Jesus. /There is authority
in Jesus. /There is power in Jesus. /Peter and John testified to Jesus.

/Verse 17. /"Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your
leaders.

/Peter and John comforted these people. /"You killed Jesus in your ignorance." /Luke 23:34/
Peter sincerely loved and forgave the officials and the people.

/Peter had compassion on the people. /He pitied them because they killed Jesus without
knowing Him. /He also gave them the opportunity to repent.

/This meant, "God gave these unbelieving officials the opportunity to repent." /Therefore,

when Peter encouraged the people, he meant, "Repent."

/Verse 18. /But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer.

/It says, "God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer." /The Old Testament prophesied that Jesus would die on the cross. /God's will was fulfilled.

/Jesus died according to the Bible and resurrected according to the Bible. /1 Corinthians 15:1-3 /Peter testified that Jesus died on the cross, just as the prophets of the Old Testament had prophesied. /Then Jesus rose from the dead as God prophesied.

/Verse 19. / Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

/Jesus died and resurrected according to the Bible. /He completed our salvation. /Therefore, Peter told the people, "Repent and receive forgiveness of your sins."

/They would receive salvation if they repented and believed in Jesus. / It says, "times of refreshing may come." /This refers to salvation. /It refers to the forgiveness of sins. /It means there is peace. / There is salvation and peace in those who believe in Jesus.

/Therefore, it means to receive salvation through faith in Jesus. /It means there is hope. /There is hope if one obeys according to God's commands. /There is the road of salvation.

/However great of a sin a person may commit, there is salvation for those who believe in Jesus. /There is hope.

/Verse 20. /and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-- even Jesus.

/The Lord sent the appointed Christ Jesus for the people. /It also says, "that he may send the Christ." /This taught ahead of time that Jesus will come again.

/Jesus will come again when the chosen people repent and the gospel spreads to the ends of the earth. /It means that Jesus' Second Coming is near. /Therefore, the chosen must repent very soon and return to the Lord.

/Verse 21. /He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

/Now the day when all things will be restored approaches through Christ. /All things will be restored through Jesus' Second Coming. /Isaiah 11:6-9 /Isaiah 35:1-10 /Isaiah 65:17-25

/Jesus will come again. /Then the Millennial Kingdom will come upon us. /Then all things of this world will be completely restored. /As of now, all things groan. /They groan because of sin. /Romans 8:18-23

/Then all things will be restored at the Millennial Kingdom. /We believers will reign forever with Jesus. /We will reign for a thousand years, and then continue to reign in eternal heaven.

/It says, "He must remain in heaven." /This means that Jesus resides in heaven until His Second Coming. /Jesus remains in heaven until His Second Coming.

/Verse 22. /For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.

/Peter testified about Jesus based on the Old Testament. /Moses prophesied, "God will raise up for you a prophet like me." /Peter quoted Deuteronomy 18:15.

/Here, "a prophet like me" refers to Jesus. /It meant that God would send Jesus Christ. /Then God would allow people to receive salvation through Jesus.

/It also meant that they were to listen to words of the prophet. /It means to obey Jesus' words. /To obey Jesus is to obey God.

/Verse 23. /Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people.'

/It says, "Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people." /Peter quoted Deuteronomy 18:19. /It meant that whoever does not listen to the words of that prophet would be destroyed.

/Those who do not listen to the words of the prophet Christ will be cut off from their people.

/Verse 24. /"Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days.

/Jesus was prophesied of since Samuel's time. /The prophets foretold these days. /"These days" refers to the days when Christ would come for the first time. /Jesus came just as the prophets of the Old Testament had prophesied.

/Verse 25. /And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'

/The Israelites are the descendants of the prophets who prophesied about Christ. /As descendants of the prophets, they became children of the covenant. /God sent Jesus just as he promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

/Jesus came as promised. /Even Abraham promised about Christ. /God said, "Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed." /Genesis 12:3

/Here, "your offspring" meant that Christ would come from among Abraham's children. /Christ would come from among Abraham's descendants. /Through Christ, the Jews and Gentiles would all receive salvation by faith.

/All people are saved through faith in Jesus. /They are saved through faith. /Genesis 15:5-6 / Galatians 3:16 /It says, "I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars."

/This meant that God would send Christ into the world and make the number of believers as many as the stars in the sky.

/Verse 26. /When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

/It says that God raised up his servant. /Isaiah 42:1-4 /Jesus is the servant. /This "servant" refers to Jesus. /Jesus completely obeyed God.

/He fulfilled the work of redemption. /God raised Jesus up to give us the blessing of salvation. /God gives us blessings through Jesus. /Therefore, we must now throw away all wickedness.

/We must repent. /We must believe in Jesus. /Then we will be saved. /We will receive blessings.

/It says, "he sent him first to you." /This means that God first sent Jesus Christ to the Jews. /He first introduced Christ to the Jews.

/Next, God introduced Christ to the Gentiles. /The good news of redemption was given to the

Gentiles as well. /That is how Gentiles today have been saved.

/Jesus freed us from sin. /He saved us. /Therefore, we gained eternal life and life.

/We will continue with Acts chapter 4. /The title of chapter 4 is “Persecuted.”

/First, the Sanhedrin imprisons the apostles. /Verses 1-7. /Second, the apostles answer and testify to the Savior. /Verses 8-12. /Third, the Sanhedrin threatens the apostles and deals with them. /Threatens and deals with them. /Verses 13-18.

/Fourth, the apostles testify truthfully. /Verses 19-22. /Fifth, the apostles see that they have been released and worship God. /Verses 23-30. /Sixth, the believers are filled with the Holy Spirit. /Verse 31. /Seventh, they share their possessions with one another. /Verse 32. /Eighth, the believers receive great grace. /Verses 33-37.

/Read 4:1. /The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

/The apostles testified to Jesus before the people. /The captain of the temple guard here hated the apostles. /The captain of the temple guard watched over the temple. /They were the priests.

/When commotions arose in the temple, they took responsibility. /Next, there were the Sadducees. /The Sadducees belonged to a sect that claimed that there is no resurrection, no spirit, and no angels.

/There were many Sadducees among the priests. /The apostles continued to testify about Jesus to the people. /However, the Sadducees and the captain of the temple guard hated them.

/Verse 2. /They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

/The apostles testified to the people about Jesus' resurrection. /However, the priests hated the apostles. /This was the work of the devil. /The devil works against the things that go well in the church.

/The devil disrupts the work of the gospel and the work of salvation. /The devil entered the Sadducees and opposed the gospel. Still, the truth has the final victory. /The gospel will have the final victory.

/When we preach the gospel, there is bound to be persecution. /It is an honor for us to be persecuted for believing in Jesus. /It is a reward to be persecuted while evangelizing.

/Verse 3. /They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

/The Sadducees and priests seized the apostles. /They locked the disciples in jail until the next day.

/Verse 4. /But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

/Even during persecution, God's work of salvation continued. /The gospel wins and wins again. /At first, the early church began as a church with one hundred and twenty believers in John Mark's attic.

/In Acts 4:21, three thousand people repented. /Here, five thousand people believed in Jesus. /The work of the gospel gradually spread. /The gospel spread farther when it faces persecution.

/Lives are restored through the existence of martyrs. /If one seed falls to the ground and dies, it bears many fruit.

/Verses 5-6. /The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family.

/The Sanhedrin came into session to judge Peter and John. /This was the major religious court of justice. /There were six people per tribe, which was a total of 72 people.

/In those times, the priest was the head of the Council. /The rulers here refer to the priests. /Scribes recorded the Scriptures while keeping the Law. /They also interpreted the law.

/These council members seized Peter and John. /Then they prepared to judge Peter and John.

/The Sanhedrin Council consisted of people who questioned Jesus. /They were people who judged Jesus. /They were people who left Jesus to die.

/Verse 7. /They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

/The Sanhedrin Council questions Peter and John. /They asked, "By what power or what name did you do this?" /They asked by what power Peter and John healed the crippled man.

/They asked by what power Peter and John evangelize about Jesus. /In other words, it meant that the Council did not give Peter and John that authority.

/They argued, "Why are you performing these kinds of works when we did not give you the authority to do so?" /These religious people began to argue, "Why did you testify about

Jesus?"

/Verse 8. /Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

/Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, witnessed to the people and the rulers. /Peter was actually an ignorant man. /He was a fisherman from the Sea of Galilee. /Then when Jesus died on the cross, Peter denied Jesus three times. /He was a person who ran away.

/Yet, here, he was filled with the Holy Spirit. /The members of the Council were people who had judged, saying, "Crucify Jesus." /They were people with authority. /They were scary people. /They were very wicked people.

/Peter could have died here like Jesus. /However, Peter was not afraid. /He believed in God's sovereignty. /He believed in God's power. /He relied on God.

/He was filled with the Holy Spirit. /He boldly testified. /He was cowardly before. /Yet here, he was bold. /He received the Holy Spirit at the Pentecost. /He was filled with the Holy Spirit.

/That is how he was able to testify with confidence even before the Council. /He evangelized to them.

/"Believe in Jesus." /He testified, "Believe in Jesus." /Peter's imprisonment was an opportunity to evangelize to such people in high positions.

/Verse 9. /If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed,

/This "act of kindness" refers to the act of having healed the crippled man. /It meant that the crippled man received salvation. /This was an act that everyone acknowledged. /Therefore,

Peter had no reason to be questioned.

/It was a good deed to have healed a crippled man, but why as Peter seized? /Therefore, Peter told them this.

/He performed this good deed, and he was asking what he did wrong. /Peter's conscience was clear, even when he was locked up in jail. /He acted in truth and goodness.

/Verse 10. /then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

/Peter told the Council, "You crucified Jesus on the cross." /He told them that they were great sinners. /He told them that they killed Jesus. /However, Jesus came back from the dead.

/The resurrected Jesus restored this crippled man's health. /Therefore, they killed Jesus, but Jesus was not dead but alive.

/Jesus is not dead but alive at this time. /The living Jesus restored the crippled man. /Even now, Jesus is alive and saving lives. /Jesus works with His power.

/Jesus is with us until the world comes to an end. /Even now, He is beside us. /He resides within us. /He helps us and is with us. /The crippled man stood up in Jesus' name.

/Verse 11. /He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.'

/Jesus was the stone its builders rejected. /Peter quoted Psalm 118:22. /"Builders" here refer to Israel's religious leaders. /Peter was being questioned, and he stood before the members of the Council.

/These people were the builders. /These people threw away Jesus saying they could not use Him. /They killed Jesus. /Jesus is the Rock. /He is the Rock of salvation. /2 Peter 2:4-8

/However, God used Jesus as the Cornerstone. /God used Jesus as the Head of the cornerstone. /This "cornerstone" was placed along the corner between two walls. /It became a foundation for buildings.

/Jesus is the foundation Rock of the temple of God. /This means that salvation is received through Jesus. /Our Jesus is essential for the salvation movement. /People of the world abandoned Jesus.

/The wrong religious leaders of the world abandoned Jesus. /Still, God decided to save all people through Jesus.

/Verse 12. / Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

/Acts 4:12 is an important verse. /It says that salvation is found in no one else. /There is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

/There is only one name, Jesus Christ, by which one can be saved. /There is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood. /Hebrews 9:22 /The name of Jesus is the truth. /It is the way, the truth, and the life. /John 14:6 /Hebrews 9:22

/Other religions do not shed blood for us. /Jesus alone shed His blood for us. /Jesus solved the problem of our sins. /Jesus has no sins.

/Jesus, who is without sin, died for us. /It is useless if other religions or other people die for us. /That is because all people are sinners. /We are also sinners.

/Therefore, it is useless if they shed their blood for us and die. /Jesus' shedding of blood and dying for us is effective because He is sinless. /John 10:8-9

/Jesus is the door to salvation. /Hence, we are saved through Jesus. /Peter here testified about Jesus. /In the Old Testament, people were saved through faith in the coming Christ. /John 8:56-58

/In the New Testament times, people are saved through faith in Jesus Christ who already came. /Therefore, we must evangelize. /We must evangelize to those who do not know Jesus.

/There will be woe if we stand still. /Even Jesus came to evangelize. /Mark 1:38 /He commanded us to become a witness to Jesus to the ends of the earth. /Acts 1:8 /Matthew 28:19 /Mark 16:15-18 /Jesus alone is our Savior.

/Verses 13-14. /When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

/Peter spoke with courage. /He was originally a person lacking in education. /He lacked worldly education. /However, he was a good witness of Jesus. /1 Corinthians 1:27

/God chooses the weak to shame the strong. /Therefore, these people relied solely on God's power. /"Ah! I cannot do anything."

/Thinking this, they relied on God, /cried out to God, /and received God's power. /Hence, God used these people. /The apostles gained power. /They were able to heal illnesses.

/We are also lacking in many ways. /Yet, we must not think that we cannot evangelize. /We need only to rely on God's power and become witnesses. /Then God will be with us, and God

will save lives.

/Therefore, saving lives is not something that people do, but what God does. /Peter had confidence in Jesus and testified about Him. /Peter learned directly from Jesus for three years.

/When we see the way Peter evangelized, we can see that Peter had much knowledge of the Bible. /He was lacking in other knowledge, but he had much knowledge of the Bible.

/Verse 15. /So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

/The members of the Council conferred together.

/Verse 16. / "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it.

/Here, the members of the Council worried about what to do with Peter and John. /This was because a miracle occurred through Peter. /Thus, the members of the Council could not deny that truth.

/They also could not punish the apostles for their good deed. /They were afraid because they could lose the support of the people if they punished the apostles.

/Verse 17. /But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

/The members of the Council stopped Peter and John from evangelizing. /They threatened Peter and John. /They prevented Peter and John from evangelizing in Jesus' name. /They did

not use their conscience.

/They feared their authority would fall. /Then they stopped the apostles from evangelizing.

/They threatened them. /However, no one can stop the gospel and the work of salvation.

/Verse 18. /Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

/The members of the Council called in Peter and John and threatened them, and commanded them not to speak in Jesus' name. /They continued to threaten Peter and John. /They attempted to stop the truth with threats.

/However, no one can stop the truth. /That is because God is on the side of the truth.

/We will now conclude the fifth lecture of Acts. /Thank you.