

Acts Bible Study Discussion Questions

Chapter 3

Acts 3:1-10

1. Peter and John must have passed by this crippled beggar many times. Why was this day different?
2. What's the first thing Peter said to the man? Why?
3. Describe Peter's demeanor in vv. 7-8. Does this remind you of anyone?
4. Was the lame man healed "by faith"? If so, whose faith?
5. Why did the people recognize the lame beggar? Why were they surprised to see him walking and jumping and praising God in the Temple courtyard?

Acts 3:11-26

6. What is special about Solomon's Colonnade (or Solomon's Porch)? Hint: see Acts 5:12.
7. What is the first thing that Peter tells the crowd? Why? What points does he make?
8. How does Peter neatly sum up the doctrine of a first and a second coming of the Messiah? (vv. 18-21) Notice again how Peter uses the Old Testament Scriptures to validate his message. (vv. 21-25)
9. How does he end his sermon on a positive note? (vv 25-26)

Chapter 4

Acts 4:1-12

1. Who showed up to put a damper on Peter's activities?
2. What was one of their main concerns? (v. 2)
3. What two things happened because of the sermon in Solomon's Porch? (vv. 3-4)
4. What four important statements of Christian doctrine does Peter make in vv 10-12?

Acts 4:13-22

5. Why was Peter able to argue so eloquently? (v. 13)
6. Why could the Jewish rulers not contradict Peter?
7. Why were they upset about what Peter and the others were doing?
8. What did the rulers decide to do?
9. How did Peter respond to their "gag order"?

Acts 4:23-37

10. How did the church react to this series of events?
11. What important element of Christian doctrine is given in v. 28?
12. What was the result of the "gag order"? (vv. 31, 33)
13. How did the believers live at that time? (vv. 32, 34-35)
14. What is the significance of v. 36?