



**In the Name of Jesus**  
**Acts 3:1-26**

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A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, resting on an open book. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the book and the person's arms. The text is overlaid on the image.

## Acts 2:43

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Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

# “Get up and walk”

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- ❖ Jesus (John 5:1-9)
- ❖ Peter (Acts 3:1-10)
- ❖ Peter (Acts 9:32-34)
- ❖ Paul (Acts 14:8-10)

# A Spirit-filled church

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- ❖ Devoted to the apostles' teaching
- ❖ Devoted to fellowship
- ❖ Devoted to "the breaking of bread"
- ❖ Devoted to prayer

# Speeches of the Apostles:

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- ❖ Peter (Acts 2)
- ❖ Peter (Acts 3)
- ❖ Many more to come



## Peter's sermon:

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- ❖ Truth is found in Scripture.
- ❖ Truth is found in Jesus.

## Acts 3:11

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While the man held on to Peter and John,  
all the people were astonished and came  
running to them in the place called  
Solomon's Colonnade.

## Acts 3:12

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When Peter saw this, he said to them:

“Fellow Israelites, 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?”



## Acts 3:13-14

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“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. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

## Acts 3:15-16

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**“You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 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 completely healed him, as you can all see.”**

## Acts 3:17-18

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**“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.**

## Acts 3:19-21

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“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

## Acts 3:22-23

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“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. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’”

## Acts 3:24-25

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**“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers.**

## Acts 3:26

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“He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

## Four contradictions:

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- ❖ Pilate decided to let Jesus go, but you insisted on his death.
- ❖ You rejected the “Holy and Righteous One,” and preferred a murderer.
- ❖ You killed the “author of life.”
- ❖ You killed Jesus, but God raised him from the dead.



# Truth

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- ❖ It is found in Scripture.
- ❖ It is found in Jesus.



## Acts 3:18

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**“But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.”**



## Acts 4:25

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**“You spoke by the Holy Spirit through  
the mouth of your servant,  
our father David ...”**

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# Scripture

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- ❖ Is it about God?
- ❖ Or is it from God?

# Jesus was devoted to Scripture:

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- ❖ When he was tempted
- ❖ When he was teaching
- ❖ When he was tested
- ❖ When he was betrayed
- ❖ When he suffered



## Acts 3:24

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**“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days.”**

# Law without Jesus

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- ❖ It leads to pride.
- ❖ Or it leads to despair.

## Acts 3:25

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**“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.’”**





## Without Jesus:

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- ❖ A sermon is just a lecture.
- ❖ The Bible is a burden.



## Acts 3:26

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**“When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”**

# Truth

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# Are you being called?

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- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper