

INTRODUCTION

- * The church had grown via the pouring out of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles at Pentecost. The new believers were continuing steadfastly in the teaching and camaraderie of the apostles, in a remembrance of the Lord's Supper and in meeting together to prayer. They were also voluntarily giving of their resources in order to meet the needs of those within the church who had them. As a result of this unity of the church, we are told that "many signs and wonders were done through the apostles" and that "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved."
- * Today, we begin to consider an account which is provided regarding one of those wonders performed through Peter and John. We get to behold the wonder of the Holy Spirit working with power through ordinary men in an extra-ordinary way!
- * Throughout chapters 3 and 4, we witness Peter utilizing a series of events to proclaim the name of Jesus, pointing people to the Messiah. Through this account, we see the Power of Jesus to Heal the Infirm, Save the Lost, and Embolden the Saints.
- * The key verse for our Kids Club is 1 Peter 3:15 "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and **always be ready** to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear." Peter will be demonstrating what that looks like.

INSTRUCTION**I. ADDRESSING THE LAME MAN (3:1-10)****A. The S_____ (3: 1-2)**

1. THE HOUR OF PRAYER

- * cf. Luke 24:52-53 & Acts 2:46
- * cf. Psalm 55:17; Daniel 6:10,13; Acts 10:9

2. THE PREDICAMENT OF THE LAME MAN

- a. He Was L_____ (cf. Acts 3:10; 4:22)
- b. He Was L_____ (cf. John 9; Mark 10:46; Luke 16:20-21)

B. The C_____ (3: 3-6)

- 1. THE R_____ OF THE LAME MAN
- 2. THE R_____ OF THE APOSTLE

C. The H_____ (3: 7-10)

- 1. THE LAME MAN L_____!
- 2. THE LAME MAN E_____! (cf. Leviticus 21:17-24)
- 3. THE LAME MAN P_____

II. ADDRESSING THE CROWD (3:9-4:4)**A. The Crowd's A_____ (3:9-12)****B. The Crowd's G_____ (3:13-16)**

- 1. YOU DELIVERED HIM UP TO DIE
- 2. PILATE DETERMINED HIM INNOCENT
- 3. YOU DENIED HIM AS MESSIAH
- 4. GOD DELIVERED HIM FROM THE DEAD

C. The Crowd's I_____ (3:17-18; cf. Luke 23:34; 1 Cor 2:8)

D. The Crowd's N_____ (3: 19-26)

1. WHAT:

2. WHY:
 - a. That Your Sins May Be Blotted Out (cf. Rev 7:9-17)

 - b. That A Time of Revival May Be Brought In (cf. 2 Chronicles 7:14)

E. The Crowd's R_____ (4:1-4)

1. THE N_____:

2. THE G_____ : (cf. Matt 14:21; 1 Cor 11:3-4,8-9,11; 14:34-35; Eph 5:22-25,28,33; 1 Tim 2:8,12; 3:2,12)

INTROSPECTION

- * Have you REPENTED? Have you changed the way you thought about Jesus and called upon Him to deliver you from your sins? Have you accepted Him as the Lord of your life?

- * How bold are you to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ?

- * Are you READY to give an answer to anyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you?

- * Do you look for opportunities to share Christ with those around you?

- * Is there a need to change the way you think (metanoia), and therefore the way you act (epistrephe)?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we, as an assembly, **more boldly** proclaim His message of redemption in our community?