



# ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN

April 6-8, 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of Easter

**Acts 3:11-20**

## **Why does this surprise you? We are witnesses of this.**

**Verse 11:** Why was the man holding on to Peter and John?

Why was this an important opportunity for Peter and John, but especially Peter?

Where was Solmon's Colonnade located?

**Verses 12:** Peter shows he is in the same boat as the people gathered at the temple that day. Why is that an important thing for a preacher/proclaimer of God's Word to do?

Why should we not be surprised that Peter and John healed this man?

Whose power was at work?

**Verse 13:** Peter tells them that the only true God, their God, had sent Jesus and now Jesus was glorified. But what had they done to Jesus?

How should they feel about that?

How should we feel about our sin?

**Verse 14:** What made their sin especially insane?

**Verse 15:** "author of life" – What does that tell us about Jesus?

What Easter fact does Peter share about Jesus?

What are special responsibilities and privileges that go along with being a witness to something?

**Verse 16:** "the name of Jesus" – When the Bible uses this word: "Name," it is speaking about who that person is and all he does and all that means. Who is Jesus?

What has he done for us and for all humankind?

The message of Jesus is the Gospel. The Gospel is the power the Holy Spirit uses to create and sustain faith in human hearts. Peter and John proclaimed Jesus to this man. They readily admit that it was not their power, but the power of the Name of Jesus. Faith is God's gift to lay hold of all these precious promises. What are the blessings you receive through faith?

**Verse 17-18:** "you acted in ignorance." They were still guilty. They had killed the author of life. But God used their ignorance and awfulness to complete his purposes to bring about their salvation. Now he enlightens them through Peter's words. Why does he enlighten them?

**Verse 19-20:** What does "repent" mean?

What does God do with our sins?

How did he "wipe them out"?

God gives Jesus to us. Why is this a comfort to us as we go through the struggles and trials of this life?

What refreshing do we have with Jesus right now?

What refreshing will we have when Jesus returns on the last day?