

sermon notes

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February 23, 2025 | "What's in a Name?" | **Acts 3:1–26**

Exposition:

- 1) The name of Jesus triumphs over _____
(3:1–10)
- 2) The name of Jesus triumphs over _____
(3:11–26)

Application:

- 1) _____ healing and suffering to the glory of God
- 2) _____ up mercy as a means of gospel ministry
- 3) _____ sinners to repentance
- 4) _____ high the name of Jesus in worship

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 3:1–10. What did Peter say when he healed the lame beggar? Why is the name of Jesus so important throughout the book of Acts? Why is it invoked by the Apostles instead of "God" or even the OT name of God, "Yahweh"?

Read Acts 3:11–26. What are the key parts of Peter's sermon? How does he emphasize the work of Christ? How does he link Christ's work to the OT Scriptures? How does he emphasize repentance?

Why is repentance an essential part of the gospel? What are some different ways we can emphasize repentance when we share Christ with others? Does repentance only take place at salvation, or do we continue to repent throughout our lives?

GET PERSONAL

Have you experienced Jesus's triumph over human affliction? What are some afflictions that God has eradicated from your life? What are some afflictions that you have continued to struggle with? Have those struggles made you better or have they made you bitter?

Have you experienced Jesus's triumph over human sinfulness? If so, how? Does triumph mean sinlessness in a Christian's life? Does it mean sinlessness in our future life?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Peter and John were merciful toward the beggar. In light of this passage, what is one thing you can do this week to display God's mercy to your community and church family? How can these acts of mercy function as a bridge for the gospel? Should our acts of mercy always involve an explicit gospel presentation?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Peter says in Acts 3:16, "And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong." Whose faith was responsible for healing the man? Peter and John's? The lame man's? Does faith always heal a person? Is that Peter's point in Acts 3:11–26? If not, then what is his point?