

44-Acts-Pt03-Transcript

we're not right over it
parody that was creeping so not
technically your device is on that's
exciting here you can find it down for a
second just use the sound like it's like
soak what I every time that I see that
clip I just find it so inspiring there
are so many people who suffer from so
many different disabilities deafness
blindness lameness and the day is coming
so says our scripture that all of these
disabilities will come to an end in
Isaiah 35 the prophet Isaiah says verse
5 then the eyes of the blind shall be
opened and the ears of the death death
shall be unstopped so that moment that
we just witnessed it's going to be
universal all over the world deaf people
will be hearing their voice for the
first time hearing the voices of loved
ones for the first time the blind will
be seeing loved ones for the first time
then shall the lame man leap as a heart
and the tongue of the dumb sing for in
the wilderness shall waters break out
and streams in the desert and we're
going to see a foretaste of this power
of Jesus Christ to heal the laying in
Acts chapter 3 which will be studying
this this evening so let's begin with
prayer and we'll just ask our Father to
bless our study Heavenly Father we come
before you and we just thank you for
your loving kindness we thank you for
the great love that you have from
kind and we know father that there is so
much suffering on the earth today and we
know that it grieves you but we look
forward to the restitution of your
government on earth when Jesus Christ
returns very very very soon and father
we know it's going to be a time of great

joy and we look forward to it and we pray you'll bless our study now as we come to see the power to heal that Jesus Christ brings and he's going to bring it now in acts 3 we're going to see it and we ask you to bless our study we pray in Jesus name Amen so let's take a look at the scripture here in x3 you remember we left last week Acts chapter 2 with all the Brethren and the Apostles being together in one Accord having experienced the power of Pentecost and they were all together worshiping and following the doctrine and breaking bread together and now we see in verse 1 of chapter 3 now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer being the ninth hour so this is a formal prayer that's taking place about three o'clock in the afternoon the time of the afternoon sacrifice and so everybody's going up to the temple all the Jews you're going up to the temple for the sacrifice and a certain man lame from his mother's womb he was born lame from his mother's womb he never walked lame from his mother's womb was carried whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called beautiful to ask alms of them that entered into the temple and it's funny I've just got back from Chicago and it's amazing how many people how many beggars there are in downtown should call go and in fact i saw one couple that had a cardboard sign saying seeking human kindness and it's just so opposite of what I'm seeing here on the one hand they were able-bodied there were about 25 or 30 years old fit as a fiddle fitter than me seeking human kindness is more like seeking human stupidity the Bible says if one doesn't work he shouldn't eat and they're able bodied

there's no reason why they could they
can't be working rather than begging and
and secondly so they were they were
perfectly fine physically and mentally
and then secondly Chicago is so
cosmopolitan there is no common ideology
everybody thinks and believes many
different things and so there was
there's just no reason for anybody to
give anything to them and so they didn't
seem to be very successful in their
begging but in this case everyone shares
everybody that passes this man shares
the same ideology the same religion the
same recognition that they're going in
to worship God and part of their worship
is to give charity and to look after
those less fortunate and so his friends
would carry him and position him in
front of these believers as they're
going to worship God and certainly he
would do well he was laying from his
mother's womb and this is what they
would do every day to ask odds of them
that enter who's seen Peter and John
about to go into the temple asked an arm
so this is a legitimate request he's
lame he can't he can't look after
himself and he's seen these two pious
men going into the temple so he requests
alms from them and Peter fastening his
eyes upon him with John and remember the
the disciples the apostles were sent out
two by two and so here they are the two
working together Peter and John and
Peter looks at him and says look on us
and so the man looks up and he gave heed
unto them expecting to receive something
of them so certainly finally it was
even as to so many homeless people and
people begging arms in Chicago downtown
i make us every major city but Chicago
just really struck me so most people
ignore beggars i mean i even have to say

i don't want to be taken for a fool and so i try not to make eye contact in some cases or I just say I don't have anything in which case I really didn't but here's somebody acknowledges him and so he's expecting to receive something of them then Peter said silver and gold have I none I don't have any silver and gold and you know why would that be the case well remember in acts 2 we just left them saying and all that believed were together and had all things in common and sold their possessions and goods and parted them to to all men as every man had need so so if Peter had any silver and gold he would have sold it and and they had all things in common so so he wouldn't have any money that he could call his own so as he's now going into the temple and this lame man is asking him for for money he's I don't have any but he says here in verse 6 but Peter said silver and gold have I none but such as I have so I do have something to give you the man's expecting money he says they don't have any money but such as I have I i will give you in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk Wow peter is looking at this man lame from birth and he just knows that he's gonna ask him now to get up and walk and he took him by the right hand and lifted him up and immediately not over time he didn't kind of struggle and try to work it out he's never walked before immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength lame from his mother's womb think he's about 40 years old now in front of the temple every day never walked and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength this is a true miracle and he leaping up stood and we just read this in Isaiah 35 that Isaiah is saying

when Christ returns this is going to be happening all over and the lame man will leap like a heart like a deer and he leaping stood and walked and entered with them into the temple something perhaps he had never done before and now he's going into the temple walking and leaping and praising God so you know they're in there to praise God and now this man is coming in praising God he has received this miraculous power of God and now he's going into the temple with Peter and John he's walking he's leaping he can't believe the strength in his legs and he's praising God and all the people saw him walking and praising God now remember Luke is writing this second volume to Theophilus to show Theophilus that the Holy Spirit is working through Peter and Peter's ministry to the Jews and then through Paul and his ministry to the Gentiles but he begins this work in his first volume which is the Gospel according to Luke where he shows the works and teachings of Christ and now in this second volume to Theophilus he's showing the works and the teachings of Christ and he's showing that the work that the apostles are doing is the same work that Christ is doing and remember we said that Theophilus more than likely is Paul's attorney and so Luke is giving him all of this back look as a Gentile is giving Theophilus the background so that Theophilus can defend Paul's ministry and so here now let's go back to vol 1 where we see Peter is doing the very same thing the very same work that Christ did in Luke chapter five verse 17 it says and it came to pass on a certain day as he was teaching that as as Christ was teaching that there were Pharisees and

doctors of the law sitting by which were
come out of every town of Galilee and
Judea and Jerusalem and the power of the
Lord was present to heal them and behold
men brought in a bed a man which was
taken with a palsy or some kind of
disease and they sought means to bring
him in in and to lay him before Christ
and when they could not find by what way
they might bring him in because of the
multitude they went upon the housetop
and let him down through the tiling with
his couch into the midst before Jesus or
he couldn't walk couldn't walk to come
in before Jesus so they figure out an
ingenious way to get him in front of
Christ and when Christ saw their faith
he said unto Him man your sins are
forgiven you and the scribes and the
Pharisees began to reason saying who is
this which speaks blasphemies who can
forgive sins but God alone this is crazy
who does this man think he is only God
can forgive sins but when Jesus
perceived to their thoughts so he could
understand what they were thinking he
couldn't be perceived their thoughts he
answering so they're just thinking this
he answering said unto them what reason
you in your mind's what are you thinking
about what what what is your reasoning
process taking you through what what
conclusions are you coming to in your
mind secretly is it whether it's easier
to say your sins be forgiven you or just
saying rise up and walk what it's just
words so what's easier should I say to
him your sins are forgiven you or should
I say to him
and walk well okay what's easier it's
actually easier to say your sins are
forgiven you so justice to see a man
who's completely lame it's impossible
for him to walk to say rise up and walk

now we know whether or not you're who you say you are because there's a lot of false healers but if you're gonna say rise up and walk and we can watch and see it that's much harder to say it's actually easier to say your sins are forgiven you because we don't know anybody can claim anything that's that's to do with the afterlife we can't go there but we're here now and so he's going to say rise up and walk but that you may know that the Son of Man is God that you may know that the Son of man has power upon earth to forgive sins because they know that only God can forgive sins so that you can know that I am God incarnate that I am God and I have come into my creation that you may know that the Son of man has the power on earth to forgive sins he turns to the sick of the palsy and he says I say unto you arise take up your couch and go into your house and notice when when Peter healed the lame man it happened immediately there was no delay here when Christ heals this man who's laying from the palsy it says and immediately he rose up before them no delay Christ spoke immediately it happens and immediately he rose up before them and took up that we're on he lay took up his bed and departed to his own house glorifying God so we see the same pattern a man that's lame Christ heals him it happens immediately and he's able to get up immediately and he's just experiencing the power of God and he attributes this miracle to God and he glorifies God same pattern we just saw with Peter and then the second and what happens then because of this miracle all of people are amazed same pattern and they were all amazed and they glorified God and were filled with fear with all

saying we have seen
strange things today so this is this is
supernatural we've never seen anything
like this before and and so good Christ
could have said your sins are forgiven
you but he says rise up and walk let's
go back now to acts and remember when we
covered chapter one that Peter before he
was baptized with the Holy Spirit before
he received the Holy Spirit made the
very quick decision that Judas needed to
be replaced and so remember in verse 26
they gave forth their Lots they cast
lots to see which of the two men that
they had showed that they had chosen
Luke begins the volume saying that
Christ chooses the Apostles and then he
says that they had chosen these two and
then put them before God to say which of
these two that we have chosen do you do
you want to add and they gave forth
their Lots in the lot fell upon Matthias
and he was numbered with the eleven
apostles and I called out when we
covered chapter one that Luke never says
that Mathias was an apostle it just says
that they chose him and they numbered
him with the eleven apostles and then we
went to the book of Revelation and
showed that there are twelve gates to
the New Jerusalem each gate representing
one of the tribes of Israel and we know
that each of the apostles will sit over
each of the tribes of Israel and so I
was making the argument that Christ had
already selected Peter from his wound
and had already chosen p sorry Paul as
the Apostle to replace Judas's office
and so Luke mentions here that they
chose Matthias and then he never
mentions Matthias again never never even
even thinks about him again just says
they chose him he was numbered with the
eleven apostles and that's it now he's

writing to Theophilus to give Theophilus data to support give him facts to support Paul's Apostleship and to show Theophilus that Paul's ministry is the Ministry of Jesus Christ it is empowered by the same Holy Spirit that empowered Peter's ministry and the work that Peter did was the same work that that Jesus Christ did in Volume one so Theophilus you have to study vol 1 you have to understand the work of Christ with that as context now come into vol 2 and see that Christ is now in heaven but his body is on earth and through the power of the Holy Spirit he continues to do the same work to preach the same doctrine that he did in volume 1 and you're going to see that first in Peter as they were instructed to stay in Jerusalem and then take the gospel to the Jew first and then to the Gentile so Peter is responsible for the ministry to the Jews in Jerusalem and in all Judea and then Paul comes online into the ministry into the apostleship to take this covenant to the Gentile world and now notice now how Paul is that if Paul's ministry as his Apostleship is justified by Luke Luke is now going to show Theophilus that Paul's ministry is exactly the same so we saw Christ heal a man that was lame the man immediately sprung to his feet he praised God and all the people were amazed now we saw that with Peter Peter looked on this lame man lame from his birth the man in the name of Jesus Christ so it is the work of Jesus Christ the man stood up immediately he'll eat he praised God and all the people were amazed now look what Luke writes about Paul's ministry beginning in chapter 14 and there SAT a certain man at Lystra impotent in his feet same thing another

lame man being a from his
mother's womb so Luke is not writing
this accidentally Luke is a very
intelligent man a very educated man a
physician a very precise man in his
words and he's teach and he's writing to
a very educated man Theophilus and he's
not choosing these words flippantly he's
saying look Theophilus it's the same
ministry
it's the same work of Jesus Christ it's
the work of his spirit through his body
on earth now so he's being a
from his mother's womb who never had
walked just like what Peter did the work
of Christ the same heard Paul speak who
steadfastly be holding him and
perceiving that he had the faith to be
healed just as Christ looked at them
laying down the man through the roof and
looking at their faith Paul is doing the
same thing that Christ did and
perceiving that he had the faith to be
healed said with a loud voice he wasn't
uncertain he didn't kind of whisper and
then hope it will happen and then after
it happens maybe make a big deal of it
then before anything he says it was a
loud voice so that everyone can hear
stand up right on your feet and then
what happened immediately and he leaped
and walked same thing if this this is
he's a man laying from his mother's womb
he's leaping and walking and jumping and
it all happens immediately this is
miraculous power of God he said with a
loud voice stand up right on your feet
and he leaped and walked and when the
people saw what Paul had done they
lifted up their voices saying in the
speech of lekha KO n'ya the gods are
come down to us in the likeness of men
so these are now pagans but they can see
that this is supernatural they're there

you know that they don't have the Scriptures but they have their pagan traditions and writings and so to them the only way they can interpret this the narrative that they're going to attach to this is the gods have come down from heaven in the likeness of men and they called Barnabas Jupiter and they called Paul mercury mercurius because he was the chief speaker then the priests of Jupiter so the one who is responsible for leading the people in this pagan religion which was before their city he brought Austin and garlands unto the gates and would have done sacrifice with the people unto these gods these two gods Barnabas and Paul so they're ready to do their worship of these God's which when the Apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this they tore their clothes and ran in among the people crying out and again Luke is writing this for a very specific reason because we're going to see that Peter had the very same reaction when they wanted to make a big deal of Peter Peter's like don't make a big deal of us this is Christ and the same thing when Christ was here and they were trying to make a big deal of Christ he's like I'm here to glorify the father so Christ came to glorify the father we are here to glorify Christ when people come like Simon Magus when we get to chapter 8 where they come along preaching themselves trying to tell trying to get us to believe that they are great and some of the spectacles we saw when we looked at chapter 2 where people are trying to show that they can speak in tongues and and they can act like drunken men they're doing this spectacle so that we'll look at them and believe that there's some kind of special power in them when the Holy

Spirit is at work we don't seek to glorify ourselves when the Holy Spirit is at work we seek to glorify Christ and Christ seeks to glorify the father so that in all in all Christ and the father are glorified and the father wants us to glorify Christ as we saw in Philippians 2 so Paul Luke is right into Theophilus and he's showing that Paul is governed by the same thinking inspired by the Holy Spirit as Peter which is the same thinking as Christ so when when the Apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this they tore their clothes like they react this is horrible this is this is a tragedy that we come to you show the people Christ power and they want to worship us they tore their clothes and they ran in this is urgent they ran in among the people crying out this is urgent urgent urgent stop and saying sirs why are you doing these things we also are men of light passions with you and preach unto you that you should turn from these vanities unto the living so they didn't come saying you know what we are apostles your you are mere men we're apostles we are the great apostles and you know every time we think about ourselves we just keep getting greater and greater and greater and Christ actually said you know I come telling you of the Father and you don't believe me if another comes in his own name him you'll believe and that's what we see all over the world false prophets coming in their own name proclaiming how great they are and people follow them and what we see in the Apostles is they never claimed greatness they claim how great Christ is they point everybody to Christ and so this is urgent the people are thinking that there's some great men they tear their clothes they runnin

among the people they shout out loud
we're just like you we're men we have
flaws just like you love light passions
with you and preach unto you that you
should turn from these vanities not to
us but to the Living God which made
heaven and earth and the sea and all
things that are therein so let's go back
to acts now again with this
understanding that the purpose of Acts
is Paul it up Luke is writing to
Theophilus to inform Theophilus so that
he can defend Paul competently and so
here in back to chapter 3 verse 10 where
we picked up that Peter had healed this
man and he went into the temple and he
was leaping and walking and praising God
and they knew so he's inside the temple
now so the people in the Jews that are
in the temple they all knew that it was
he which SAT for arms at the beautiful
gate of the temple so this is no secret
they go to the temple every day for this
morning sacrifice for the air for the
afternoon sacrifice and this man is
positioned there strategically and part
of their worship is to give him home so
no doubt I would I don't think it's a
stretch of the imagination to say that
everybody in the temple have probably
given this man
at some point or another or certainly
they would have inquired about him and
they would have been told that he's been
there all his life he was born this way
so they all think they knew that this is
the man that they would never imagine
could walk and so here they are in the
temple and they knew it was he which SAT
for arms at the beautiful gate of the
temple and they were filled with Wonder
and amazement so same pattern Christ did
this healing because the man was laying
the man leaped from his bed the people

he praises God the people aren't wondering aw same thing with Peter same thing with Paul Luke is trying to get Theophilus to understand that Christ is risen but he sent down the comforter and the same work continues and they were filled with Wonder and amazement at that witch's hat which had happened unto him it's there's no fake fakeness happening here no falsity is all true this is this is an absolute miracle and as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John so now he's holding on to Peter and John all the people ran together unto them in the porch which is called Solomon's greatly wondering and so you can just see the the layout of Herod's temple so that the temple was rebuilt by Herod and you can see where the gate were is where they enter that's the beautiful gate or the gate beautiful and then you can see Solomon's porch it's outside the temple and so sort of a public area where everybody can just hang out and that's where they were then preaching so they they ran with the man and as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John all the people ran together so he's probably running with them and he's so excited and then they're all people are excited and they're running together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's greatly wondering just like in Christ time they said we have seen strange things today these people are probably saying the exact same thing we have seen strange things today and when Peter saw it again this is the same way you saw Paul respond and when Peter saw it he answered and said unto the people he answered and said unto the people you men of Israel why Marvel you at this or why look you so earnestly on us as though by our own power or

holiness we have made this man to walk so remember Paul responded the exact same way so Lucas drawing the parallels the God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob the god of our fathers so a Paul was talking to Gentiles he didn't need to get into all of this but now Peter is talking to the Jews and so he can tell them this is the God of Abraham and Isaac and of Jacob the god of Our Fathers has glorified His Son Jesus so that when the Holy Spirit is in us we don't seek self-praise we know our flaws we're not here to tell people I'm some great prophet believe in me I'm the last prophet I'm the special profit I'm the apostle this is all nonsense we're human beings but Jesus Christ is God and he came in the flesh he came into his own creation to save us and it's God's will that every knee will bow to him and so if we if we are empowered by the Holy Spirit we praise Jesus and so God has glorified His Son Jesus whom you delivered up and denied him in the presence of Pilate remember this is what you did this really was the Christ and look what you did you delivered him up and denied him in the presence of Pilate when Pilate was determined to let him go if it was up to Pilate Jesus would have been free but you cried out and said you wanted him crucified but you denied the Holy One the Holy One not a Holy One the Holy One the creator himself who came into his creation you denied him and the just and instead you desired a murderer to be granted unto you I would say you were inspired by the devil how is it that you could choose a murderer over your Creator who loved you who loves you who came into creation to save you and you hated him without a cause and chose a murderer

over him you desired a murderer to be
granted on you someone who did nothing
for you only killed one of your own and
you killed the Prince of life or we
could translate this the author of life
you killed the Creator yes the creator
gave up his godhood came into the flesh
as a human being and became mortal man
and you killed the author of creation
you killed the author of life amazing
whom God has raised from the dead and we
saw that in Philippians 2 that he
humbled himself to death even the death
of the cross and because he humbled
himself and was obedient unto death God
has raised him up and exalted him and
given him a name above every name so you
killed the author of life you killed the
Creator but God raised him from death
where of we are witnesses we saw this
and we're gonna we're going to declare
this as in the Apostle we saw this in
over 500 brethren saw this and we're not
mistaken we know what we saw we saw him
crucified and he came back to life and
he instructed us for 40 days and we're
ready now to lay down our lives for this
witness because this witness is true we
are his witnesses and his name through
faith in his name in the name of Jesus
of Nazareth rise up and walk and his
name through faith in his name has made
this man strong whom you see and know
you pass him every single day you know
who he is you know that he was laying
from birth and now look at him leapin
walked and jumping praising God that was
all done in the name of Jesus Christ of
Nazareth who has made this name this man
strong whom you see and
no yes the faith which is by him has
given him this perfect soundness in the
presence of you also you know if a man
has never walked there's no muscle in

his legs his legs are probably deformed
and now they're looking at him he
probably has more strength in his legs
than they do he can probably leap higher
than they can and so this soundness that
has come into his flesh and into his
bones comes by the name of Jesus Christ
and he says the faith which is by him
had given him this lame man this perfect
soundness it wasn't hidden it happened
right in front of you in the presence of
you all and now brethren I want that
through ignorance you did this as did
also your rulers so okay you didn't know
you didn't quite understand the
scriptures you chose a murderer over
your Creator over the one who loves you
and wants to set you free and heal you
and do all men are of good for you you
chose a murderer okay you did it in
ignorance but those things which God
before had shown by the mouth of all his
prophets that Christ should suffer he
has so fulfilled and the recent Peter
can now say this that God has shown this
by the mouth of all his prophets is
that's what Christ taught him Christ was
with the apostles for 40 days what do
you think he was doing he was turning
through the scriptures they were doing
exegesis they were going through and
they were understanding what do these
scriptures actually mean look in the
first volume of Luke at the end of the
first volume Luke says and he said unto
them speaking to the apostles these are
the words which I spoke to you so when
he was resurrected now he he had
suffered he died he was in the grave for
three days and three nights and then he
came out of the grave he stood up and he
approached them
and maybe they were trying to get their
head around this and he says to them

these are the words which I spoken to you while I was yet with you so before I was taken away from you I told you this that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses so the Torah the first five books and in the prophets or all the prophets spoke about this and in the Psalms concerning me the whole Bible is about Jesus Christ so anybody who wants to take the Bible apart and try and say speaking about someone else this is ridiculous the whole all the prophets speak of this time all the prophets speak about Christ the very Torah was all about every single book in the Torah speaks about Christ all the prophets speak about Christ and David himself the songs speak of Christ and so look in the Torah in Genesis he says right from the beginning and I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed her seed shall bruise your head and you shall prove his heel this is a prophecy right in Genesis concerning Christ and every book of the five books of Moses every single one of them speaks of Christ David in psalms says I have set the Lord always before me and so we can do her just looking at all the prophets here he says I have set the Lord always before me because he is at my right hand i shall not be moved this is speaking of Christ therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices my flesh also shall rest in hope hope of the Resurrection so Christ was not left to be corrupted and decompose in the grave no it rested in hope and god raised him up for you will not leave my soul in Hades in the grave neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corrupt it's impossible for God to lie the holy one is Christ and God will not leave him

in the grave so after three days and
three nights God resurrected him you
will show me the path of life in your
presence is fullness of joy at thy right
hand there are pleasures evermore a
psalm 41 yes my own familiar friend is
his prophesying of what Judas is going
to do that it's not going to be an enemy
it's going to be somebody in his inner
circle my own familiar friend in whom I
trusted which did eat my bread behold he
that eats with me rises up against me he
that sips dips the soft with me shall
betray me when they said Lord which who
is it which did eat of my bread has
lifted up his heel against me David is
prophesying Isaiah says I gave my back
to the smiter 'he's of whom does he
speak you know the Ethiopian eunuch was
reading Isaiah and he didn't know who
knew whose eyes are speaking about and
Philip had to teach him he's speaking
about Christ I gave my back to the
Snider's and my cheek to them that
plucked off the hair I hid not my face
from shame and spitting this is Christ
he had he Adam you as a man on a mission
it came from heaven to earth on a
mission and he could not back away from
that mission as painful as this was he
kept his mind for the hope that was set
before him surely Isaiah 53 surely he
has borne our griefs of whom is he
speaking and carried our sorrows yet we
did esteem him stricken smitten of God
and afflicted that's what we thought we
thought that he was smitten we thought
that he was afflicted but we didn't
realize he was wounded for our
transgressions he was bruised for our
iniquities the chastisement of our peace
was upon him and with His stripes we are
healed
all we like sheep have gone astray we

have turned every one to his own way and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all as painful as that was for him we rejoice that he had the courage that he had to love that he had the commitment to do this for the whole world all humanity we just have to humble ourselves and choose him and we can be forgiven that all of our iniquity every single iniquity must be punished God is a righteous judge there is no iniquity that goes unpunished and and we can choose that punishment for ourselves or we can choose Christ and put the iniquity on Christ and Christ has taken the punishment of that iniquity he was oppressed and he was afflicted yet he opened not his mouth he came from heaven to earth on a mission and there is no way he was going to deviate from that mission because of his love for his creation he opened not his mouth he is brought as a lamb the lamb slain from the foundation of the world this is not an afterthought all the prophets right about this because it was embedded in the plan of God from the very foundation of creation from the foundation of the world he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter and as a sheep before her Shearer's is dumb in the exact same way he opened not his mouth he is the perfect sacrifice Zachariah another prophet says and I will pour upon the house of David this is yet to happen I will pour upon the house of David the Jews and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem this is the mercy that Christ will have on the Jews they're going to be in there going to be in a major crisis and this is going to happen that I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem they're going to be surrounded by armies

and then they're gonna have to run for their life but but when it looks like they're going to be completely slaughtered Christ is going to act and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications and he says and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him as one mourns for His only Son and shall be in bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn all the prophets when we read the prophets we see this this this pattern where the the unfaithful Israelites are punished for breaking the Covenant and they're punished in a very precise way it's exactly as God outlines in the book of Deuteronomy so when we read Deuteronomy first and then we go through and we read first and second Kings and first and second chronicles and we see that God is faithful to his promises both for good and for bad when when Israel does their part of the Covenant for good God does his part of the Covenant for good and when Israel does their part of the when they break the Covenant God does it God punishes them exactly as he said as exactly as he outlines in Deuteronomy at the same time in Malachi he says I am the Lord and I change not I don't change I don't I don't go back on my covenant therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed and that's how the Old Testament ends with the Prophet Malachi saying you faithless children should be destroyed but because of God's faithfulness to his covenant you are not destroyed that ultimately Israel will be saved and so here's occur all the prophets it's the same pattern you're going to be punished where you're going to be saved by Christ and here Zakaria saying exactly that that they'll

look upon him whom they pierced as one
mourns for His only Son and shall be in
bitterness for him as one that is in
bitterness for his first born here in
Matthew Christ Himself says that he's
going to die and be risen according to
the scriptures for as Jonah was three
days and three nights in the whales
belly so shall the Son of Man be three
days and three nights in the heart of
the earth here in Corinthians Paul says
purge out therefore the old
11 that you may be a new lump as you are
unleavened for even Christ our Passover
is sacrificed for us he's now alluding
to the book of Exodus in the in the
Torah to show that the exodus and the
Passover was all about Christ that that
it wasn't a lamb the lamb was
foreshadowing the sacrifice of Christ
and we could go book by book profit by
profit the entire Bible is about Jesus
Christ and so for 40 days Christ had the
Apostles privately showing them all the
scriptures and so that's why Peter now
can say all the prophets spoke about
Christ and of this time and here in
Malachi he says this is how the Old
Testament ends behold I will send my
messenger and he shall prepare the way
before me speaking of John the Baptist
and preparing the way before Christ and
the Lord whom you seek shall suddenly
come to his temple even the messenger of
the Covenant the covenant with Israel
God is faithful to his covenant whom you
delight him behold he shall come says
the Lord of hosts and then Joe finally I
know I know that my redeemer lives who
this is thinking about Christ and that
he shall stand at the latter day upon
the earth so job knew this he understood
because he had the Scriptures as well
and so he knew that this was going to

happen repent you therefore going back to ax 3 going back to x3 he says so he's showing them this you guys have taken the devil's advice you fought against your Creator you eat it to the point where you can chose a murderer over your Creator repent you therefore and be converted so so Peter doesn't pull any punches and we shouldn't pull any punches either we should have the boldness of the Holy Spirit and what Luke is showing here is that the Holy Spirit gives boldness first to Peter and then T'Pol and so that Theophilus can see wow what Paul is doing is preaching price boldly and that's exactly what he should be doing if he's inspired by the Holy Spirit repent you there for you evil people and be converted that your sins may be blotted out all of your iniquities you can put on Christ he'll accept you when the times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord make no mistake you know the scriptures it's coming and he shall send Jesus Christ which before was preached unto you so Christ was preached unto unto you didn't accept him accept him now whom the heaven must receive this is part of the plan so we're now from Pentecost we're now going all the way to trumpets and the heavens must receive him until the time of restitution of all things the whole earth and we see this through the the Day of Atonement the whole earth is going to be reconciled with God there's going to be a restitution of all things Satan is going to be locked away and then all mankind is going to know that Jesus Christ is the son of God so that this is going to be the heavens must receive him he's they are at the right hand of God until the times of the

restitution of all things which width of
which the father has and has kept from
the apostles only the father has this
which God has spoken by the mouth of all
his holy prophets since the world began
Jesus Christ is not an afterthought this
was in the plan of God from the very
beginning and so all the prophets
preached Christ and and and and they can
now show you you tell them which prophet
you want to talk about and they'll show
you how that prophet spoke of Christ for
Moses truly said unto the father's and
now he's going to Deuteronomy
Deuteronomy 18 a prophet shall the Lord
your God raise up unto you of your
brethren so from among you like unto me
him shall you here in all things
whatsoever he shall say unto you and it
shall come to pass that every soul which
will not hear that profits of you will
not accept Jesus Christ shall be
destroyed from among the people this is
jesus christ is the question what's your
answer
Jesus Christ is every single human being
every single human being must answer the
question how do you respond to Jesus
Christ and if the answer is I accept
Christ wonderful you now have the
opportunity to live forever because this
temporary existence is not what life is
about if your answer is that you reject
Christ oh well oh well you will be
destroyed and so this is the message if
you will not hear this prophet you shall
be destroyed from among the people yes
and all the prophets he keeps repeating
this Christ is not an afterthought all
the profits from Samuel and those that
follow after as many as have spoken have
likewise foretold of these days you are
the children of the prophets and of the
Covenant which God made with our fathers

so this Jesus Christ he's come to bless all mankind but he will only bless mankind through the covenant with Abraham with Isaac and with Jacob with Israel and you are the children of these fathers and so this covenant actually comes through you and to you and you've got to decide are you going to accept Jesus Christ or reject him so this many people don't realize that Christianity the original Christians were all Jews Christianity's route is Hebraic because the covenant is with the Hebrews and when Paul comes along what he does is he extends the offer to the Gentiles to come into this covenant with Israel God works with man through covenants through promises that he binds himself to a certain code of conduct through the Covenant and we have to believe him and trust him just as Abraham did and it was counted on to Abraham for righteousness so this covenant your the children of the Covenant and so you have to now reconcile with Christ and decide where you stand you are the children of the prophets and all the prophets spoke of Christ and of the Covenant which God made with our fathers saying unto Abraham in your seed shall all the Kindred's of the earth be blessed and Jesus Christ is the seed of Abraham and in Christ shall all the families of the earth be blessed that is that is the gospel that's the good news that Jesus Christ is the son of God is the king of the kingdom of God and the whole earth all the children of the earth are going to be blessed through this covenant that he made with Abraham which then came through Moses and now is coming through christ christ is the prophet like moises that is now responsible for the new covenant and that enables the whole

earth to be blessed you are the verse 25
you are the children of the prophets and
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fathers saying unto Abraham and in your
seed shall all the Kindred's of the
earth be blessed unto you first to the
Jew first and then to the Gentile I want
you to be my witnesses in Jerusalem
first then Judea then Samaria and then
to the ends of the earth but they don't
go to the ends of the earth unless you
go to the Jew first even when Paul the
apostle to the Gentiles will see when we
go through the rest of Acts when he
would go into different temp different
cities he would go to the temple first
and he would take the gospel to the Jew
first the Jew has the priority he would
take it to Israel first only after they
rejected it then he took it to the
Gentiles unto you first having raised up
his son Jesus send him to bless you and
you chose him hurt her he sent him to
bless you in turning away every one of
you from his in
equities and so ends chapter 3 with Luke
making it crystal clear to Theophilus
that Peter is doing the is continuing
everything that Jesus began both to say
to teach and to do so Theophilus have
studied vol 1 and now we studying vol 2
and he's saying WOW Peters doing the
exact same work teaching the exact same
thing that Christ it and what we're
going to see now is the read the
response when we come together again
next week God willing when we look at
chapter 4 or we're going to see is the
response of the people to this
benevolence of Christ Christ came and he
was benevolent he didn't harm anybody he
blessed everybody he showed love he
showed concern he was on a mission to
bless everyone and he was hated without

a cause and that's why he says to the
Apostles you are going to be my martyrs
because you're gonna you're going to
teach what I taught you're going to do
what I did you're going to love people
the way I love them you're going to do
good you're not going to do harm and
you're going to be hated without a cause
and we're going to see that when we come
together next week to do chapter four
thank you so much for joining us on
chapter 3 i'm going to go to the webcast
now at cgi.org/slash/webcast see if
there's any questions or discussion and
God willing look forward to seeing you
again next week