

SERMON NOTES

The Book of Acts: Show & Tell Acts 3:12-16 Pastor Carl Toti April 25-26, 2015

Acts 3:12-22 (NKJV)

¹² So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?

SIX NAMES & SIX THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT JESUS

1. HIS SERVANT JESUS

¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let Him go.

Peter raises an important question. Who bares the guilt of Christ death? The short answer we all do.

However, according to Peter it was the Jewish religious leaders who carried the biggest blame. Peter pulls no punches. But Jew's today are not guilty of killing Jesus any more than German's, living today are guilty of the Holocaust. Or Caucasian American's, living today are guilty of slavery.

Each person or generation bears the guilt of his or hers own deeds.

A poll conducted by the Anti-Defamation League a little over a year ago found that 26 percent of Americans believe that the Jews killed Jesus. Not Jews of 2000 years ago but Jews of today.

Blaming Jews for the death of Jesus became the impetus for the wholesale slaughter of Jews during the Holocaust.

Ezekiel 18:20 (NLT)

²⁰ The person who sins is the one who will die. The child will not be punished for the parent's sins, and the parent will not be punished for the child's sins. Righteous people will be rewarded for their own righteous behavior, and wicked people will be punished for their own wickedness.

DETERMINED WICKEDNESS VS. DETERMINED RIGHTEOUSNESS. Pilate was determined to let Jesus go but the determination of the wicked Jewish leaders was greater! Wickedness of our day is more determined to get its way then righteous people are to get theirs.

2. THE HOLY AND JUST ONE

¹⁴ But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

3. PRINCE OF LIFE

¹⁵ and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ Yet now, brethren, I know that you did it in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

4. THE LORD

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

5. JESUS CHRIST

²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

6. THE PROPHET

²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. ²² For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.

(Deut. 18:15-18)

Acts 3:23-26 (NKJV)

²³ And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'²⁴ Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. ²⁵ You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'²⁶ To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."