

# THE BOOK OF ACTS

February 3, 2019

Acts 3:12-26

## READ

Acts 3:12-26    Revelation 21:1-8

## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. What three actions had “they” (the amazed crowd of spectators) taken against Jesus of Nazareth (vv. 13-15)?

How are they responsible for the actions taken by their religious leaders? What was behind these actions (v. 17)? How are *we* responsible (Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 15:3)?

2. What was God up to in spite of their actions? (What did God bring about?)
  - v. 18
  - vv. 15,26
  - v. 21
  - v. 20
3. Can you identify a time in your life/experience when, on the surface, things appeared to be at their worst; but when the dust settled, in hindsight, it was apparent that God had been working to bring about the best?
4. When does “the period of restoration of all things” occur (v. 21)? What does this seem to suggest (Revelation 21:1-8)?
5. What are the two choices to be made concerning Jesus of Nazareth (vv. 22-23)? What are the consequences of each choice (vv. 21, 23, 26)?
6. If one gives heed or listens to Jesus, what two things does Peter expect (v. 19)? To what do these things correspond in Peter’s previous sermon (2:38)?

Why is repentance so significant (Jonah 3:10)?

What two corresponding results follow these expectations (v. 19)? To what do these things correspond in Peter's previous sermon (2:38)?

How does "return" or "turn to God" correspond to "be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (c.f., John 3:3)? How does "the times of refreshing . . . from the presence of the Lord" correspond to "the gift of the Holy Spirit" (c.f., Titus 3:5)?

Are these (2:38; 3:19) two different invitations to salvation?

## **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

1. I will give heed to Jesus this week by . . .
2. I will turn away from, or turn around, this week by . . .
3. I will turn to God this week by . . .