

The Power of the True Message

Various verses from the Book of Acts: of the Holy Spirit

First Message: 2:14-41

- **As Scripture was being compiled, the book of Acts was variously named, one being "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." They later settled on Acts.**
- **Read the whole message: 2:14-41.**
- **Reread the heart of the message: 2:22-24, 36-40. You crucified him!**
- **Reread the result of the message: verse 41 and notice how many were saved/born again.**

The Second Message: 3:1-26

- **The third chapter begins with the story of healing a lame beggar.**
- **This healing leads to an opportunity to preach. And what did Peter preach? He accused them of delivering Jesus up to Pilate, they disowned Him, asked for a murderer to be released instead of their Messiah, and that they cooperated in having Him killed.**
- **Then the message of mercy. Verse 17 says they acted in ignorance.**
- **Verse 19 tells them what they must do to have life.**

The Third Message

- **Read 4: 1-20**
- **As a result of the healing in chapter 3, Peter and John were arrested.**
- **Reread verses 8-12 for the point of the message.**
- **Read verse 8 which tells us how we begin our testimony.**
- **Verse 10 brings home Peter's point again: "you crucified!"**
- **Verse 20 encourages us on what to do when confronted because of our message: "we cannot stop speaking!" No matter your circumstances, never give in to fear or fear of man.**

The Fourth Message

- **Chapter 5:1-11 tells us the story of Ananias and Sapphira, on how they cheated and lied to the Holy Spirit. This woke up the church! Read verse 11 again.**
- **What was the result of faithful Christians spreading the message? Read verse 14. Constant addition to the church.**
- **As usual, the priests react to people being healed. 15-16.**
- **So the apostles are jailed: verses 17-25. Jail couldn't hold them! Back to preaching? Arrested again!**
- **The Message? Verses 27-32. You crucified the Messiah!**
- **Then grace is offered: verse 31. Repent then forgiveness.**

Point of the Message?

- **When you have the opportunity to witness for Jesus, first, be filled/led by the Holy Spirit, otherwise, it seems like you are just telling them a story. Second, be bold enough to make the serious point that will cut them to their heart: their sin killed the Son of God, Jesus.**
- **Every time this is preached in Acts, people are convicted of their sin and have repented and turned to the Lord.**
- **This message fills our churches with “true” believers, those who have Him in their heart, not just their heads.**
- **Preach Christ crucified!**