

The Acts of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:37-3:26

To review for a moment, when Peter preaches in Jerusalem at the first Christian Pentecost, what message does he have for the city of Jerusalem? When he announces God's message of forgiveness, how does Acts characterize the crowd's reaction? Note the speed of things—Acts is going to be a book where things always happen this fast. What response does Peter call for, and what primary agent does he invoke when he does so?

After the mass-baptism of the people of Jerusalem, how do the baptized conduct themselves? How does the text characterize their spiritual condition after their baptism, and what material conditions does the text highlight?

The first block of Acts 3 reads like a standard gospel-of-Luke healing story, except the healer character has changed. What features of the story (besides the healing itself, smarty) read like echoes of Jesus, and what reality does the narrative communicate in those similarities?

In Acts 3:11-16, Peter once again indicts the city of Jerusalem as a criminal against God, but before that, what misconception among the crowd does he counter?. What contrasting pairs of words does his speech use to communicate the severity of Jerusalem's crimes?

What defense does Peter offer in Jerusalem's defense in 3:17, and whose words does Peter echo there? What does Peter's speech in the closing verses of Acts 3 highlight about Jesus's ministry? What does Peter emphasize about the crowd in the closing of this speech?