

# ACTS

## CHAPTER 3

# *The New Normal*

# How to Contextualize the Gospel Message

# Acts 17:28

‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

# CONTEXTUALIZATION

The Gospel has the greatest impact when it answers the questions people are asking and connects with the intellectual and emotional world they live in.

# CONTEXTUALIZATION

1. Our message must answer the questions people are asking.
2. Our message must connect with both the hearts and minds of the people we seek to reach with the gospel.

# Acts 3:6-7

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.”

# CONTEXTUALIZATION

In each case, the power of God is directed to the specific needs of the people of Israel.

Acts 3:12 and 3:17

“Fellow Israelites....”



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How did this miracle happen?

## Acts 3:11 -12

While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we made this man walk?"

## Acts 3:13

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has gloried his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate though he had decided to let him go.

What can I do now?

# Acts 3:19

Repent and turn to God...

# Deut. 30:19-20

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may **love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.** For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.



What can I expect from God next?

# Acts 3:19-21

Repent, then, and return to God, **so that your sins may be wiped out**, that times of **refreshing may come from the Lord**, and that **he may send the Messiah**, who has been appointed for you – even Jesus. **Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything** as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.”

# Acts 2:38

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. **And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**”

# 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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# Revelations 21:1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dresses for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.”

How does this fulfill the Law?

# Acts 3:22-25

For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

"Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, 'Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.'

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