

October 6, 2024 Ross Macdonald Continuing Acts... Name Above All Names! Acts 3-4

Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. Acts 4:29-30

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "**Sovereign Lord**," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ²⁵ You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"'Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ²⁶ The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.

²⁷ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. ²⁸ They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Acts 4:24-28

We pray with confidence to:

The God of Creation. The God of Revelation. The God of History.

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. Acts 4:31

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. Acts 3:4-5

Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!**" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked. Acts 3:6-7 MSG 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 had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.

Acts 3:12-13a

Focus on Messiah Jesus:

Of Nazareth. 6	Author of life. 15
Servant. 13	Prophet foretold by Moses. 22
Holy & Righteous. 14	Rejected & now cornerstone 4:11

By faith in the **name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is **Jesus' name** and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. Acts 3:16

Servant and Christ, Holy One and source of life, Prophet and stone—these titles speak of the uniqueness of Jesus in his sufferings and glory, his character and mission, his revelation and redemption. All this is encapsulated in his 'Name' and helps to explain, its saving power. John R.W. Stott

We all need healing.

Now it's time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, and send you the Messiah he prepared for you, namely, Jesus. Acts 3:19 MSG

It's God who is working miracles.

If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰ then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by **the name of Jesus Christ** of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. Acts 4:9-10

There is salvation in no one else! God has given **no other name** under heaven by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12 NLT



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