

**Acts 3:12-26**  
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I. Introduction.

A. Peter and John healed a man, which gave Peter an opportunity to preach.

B. Peter's subject was a touchy one because his audience was a Jewish one. The Christian message is opposed to every other religion.

C. God has paid the price through Jesus Christ for our sin. Jesus is the only way.

II. Peter points out that there will be national revival in Israel and that there will be rethinking in the area of God's miraculous intervention.

III. There will be considerable rethinking on the limitations of our own abilities.

IV. There will be total rethinking regarding the purposes of God.

V. There will be total rethinking regarding the Messiah.

A. The Jews killed the Messiah out of ignorance, and we would do the same today.

B. Jesus is the suffering Messiah who we are not looking for. We are looking for a political leader not a crucified Christ. (Isaiah 53)

VI. There will be rethinking on the prerequisites for times of refreshment: repentance and regeneration.

A. Conversion is a change of mind.

B. People do not convert because they do not see a need for personal change.

C. America needs a personal regeneration.

VII. There will come a time where the Messiah Jesus will come to restore all things.

VIII. Conclusion.

**Applications questions:**

1. Why is there such an aversion to supernatural explanations today? What should the church's response be to skepticism?

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2. What evidence is there that our society is looking more for a political leader than a crucified savior?

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3. What role does personal change play in conversion? Explain.

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**NOTE: two sermons combined into one....the next sermon goes into another text at around 44:00**