





WHY DOES GOD NEED ATTENTION?

People run together for many reasons: fear, like refugees, fun like a sporting event, greed like “Black Friday,” or curiosity like gawkers and to see something interesting. God used this natural instinct in people to get people to listen to Him. **(Ezekiel 4-5, John 20:30-31)** May the Lord use our lives to draw people into His presence. **(Luke 10:41)**

Acts 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering.

The marvel is not the Marvel; God is. People admire others with special powers, intelligence, and holiness. Peter claimed none of these. He honored Jesus.

12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

They missed it; they did not understand; and they should have. Because of a preconceived notion the people missed it when God came. Something they thought they knew, they did not fully know. (ex.) William Stoke’s Linguistics Research Department was closed by Gallaudet University which later awarded him an honorary doctorate. (They missed it; and it was under their nose.)

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Sometimes outsiders see what we don’t see. Pilate saw Jesus’ innocence.

14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

The miracle gave Peter opportunity and boldness to confront people with their guilt. The people had asked amiss.

15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Faith in Jesus makes men strong; faith in Jesus gives perfect soundness. Who or what do you have faith in?

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. (Another 3:16 verse in the Bible)