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The Truth Hurts

[Acts 3:12-19](#)

“But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life.” Acts 3:14-15a

The apostle Peter takes the hand of a man who has been “lame since birth” and raises him up. The man leaps, jumps, and praises God.

When the crowd was amazed at this miracle, Peter let them know it was not done by the power of the apostles or by their godliness, but by faith in Jesus – God’s servant, the Author of Life, the Holy and Righteous One.

But Peter said they had killed Him and asked for a murderer instead to be released. Peter issued this scathing rebuke to the gathered crowd, likely some of whom were present at the crucifixion of Jesus.

Peter expected these words to hurt them.

The truth hurts.

Have you ever been told a hurtful truth? Here is one for you: You and I are also guilty of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory; therefore, we all have a part in the crucifixion of Jesus.

We all have sin that requires his shed blood, blood from the Perfect Lamb, in order for us to be forgiven. “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for sending your son into the world to die on a cross for our sins. We confess our sin, and we are thankful for Christ’s obedience to your plan to offer salvation to all who confess and accept his work of salvation. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.*

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