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Messianism/Messiah In the Book of Acts

Is there a different function for Christ in 1st Acts vs. 2nd Acts? In Acts 3, Peter presents Jesus as "Jesus Christ of Nazareth." In Acts 7:56, Stephen represents Jesus as the "Son of Man." In Acts 16-18, However, Peter, John, and Stephen are considered righteous. Jesus' function in both scriptures was through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The Book of Enoch also speaks of the "Son of Man." In Acts 28:31, Paul proclaims Jesus as "The Lord Jesus Christ."

Peter healed the disabled beggar one afternoon while visiting the temple called the "Beautiful Gate." This beggar daily was placed beside the temple gate so that he could beg all who would enter the temple. As Peter and John penetrate the temple, the cripple man begs them for money. However, to the beggar's surprise, that would be the day Jesus Christ of Nazareth would heal him and set him free.

Stephen addresses the council by launching a long speech about Israel's relationship with God. The Jews from the Old Testament history constantly rejected God's message and His prophets. These were the very councils that rejected the Messiah, God's Son. When we read the book of Acts 7, we can see how Stephen (the prophet) summarized the history of Israel and their rejection of God's ways over centuries. The Jewish people thought that Joshua alone was this prophet. However, Moses had also prophesied about the coming prophet (Deu 18:15). About this prophet, Peter quoted this verse in (Acts 3:22). In some translations like NIV, it speaks of this prophet as (Christ the Messiah).

Acts 28:31 deals with the history of the early Christian church and its expansion in every widening circle touching Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, and Rome, the most influential cities in the Western world. In succeeding generations, the Holy Spirit is changing the world with a changeless message: Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of all who call on Him.

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