



Acts 3 – The Church Grows

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

1. The Healing of the Lame Beggar

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- The man lame from birth was over 40 years old. (Acts 4:22)
- He was daily placed at the Beautiful Gate or Eastern Gate.
- The man is brought at 3:00pm. Daily prayer times are 9am, noon, and 3pm. (See Matt. 6)
- Jesus died at 3pm, the ninth hour. (Luke 23:44-46)
- Solomon’s Colonnade (John 10:22-42; Acts 5)

2. The Gospel Peter Preached

Acts 3:11-26

“Why does this surprise you?...Why do you stare at us as if we made this man walk?...By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong...Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that He may send the Christ...as He promised long ago...”

- Acts 2 sermon Peter defends their drunkenness. Acts 3 sermon Peter defends against their own power.
- “I know you acted in ignorance...” “Father forgive them for they know not what they do...”
- Repent: Change of thinking, not just change of an action. Must turn away from and turn to.
- Times of refreshing today, hope for eternal life later.

3. The Take-a-ways for You and Me

- **We are the beggar: Believe in Jesus**
- **We are those who put the beggar at the gate: Seek Jesus**
- **We are the astonished onlookers: Have faith in Jesus**
- **We are Peter and John; The Real Church: Trust Jesus**