

Acts 3

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1. Why were the apostles going to the temple? (3:1)

Acts 3: 1

1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer.

Hour of prayer

Peter and John were going to the temple to pray.

2. Who was carried to the temple gate every day? (3:2)

Acts 3: 2

2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple.

A man lame from birth was begging for alms at the gate of the temple called Beautiful.

3. What did the beggar do when he saw Peter and John approaching? (3:3)

Acts 3: 3

3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began asking to receive alms.*

The lame man *began asking Peter and John to receive alms.*

The lame man requested alms from Peter and John.

4. What did Peter say to the beggar? (3:4-6)

Acts 3: 4-6

4 But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, **“Look at us!”**

5 And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, **“I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!”**

1. **Look at us!**

2. **I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: **In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!****

5. In what ways did the crippled man respond to Peter's words? (3:5,7-8)

Acts 3: 5

5 And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

Acts 3: 7-8

7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

8 With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

The lame man did the following:

1. He began to give Peter and John attention.
2. His feet and ankles were strengthened when Peter seized him by the hand and raised him up.
3. He leaped up and began to walk.
4. He entered the temple with Peter and John.
5. He was walking, leaping and praising God.

6. What happened when the man responded to his miraculous healing? (3:8-10)

Acts 3: 8-10

8 With a leap he stood upright and *began* to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

9 And **all the people saw him walking and praising God;**

10 and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to *beg* alms, and **they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**

1. All the people saw the lame man walking and praising God.

2. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

3. They were curious, wondering and wanting to see what had caused such a miracle.

7. Where were the people in the crowd assembled? (3:11)

Acts 3: 11

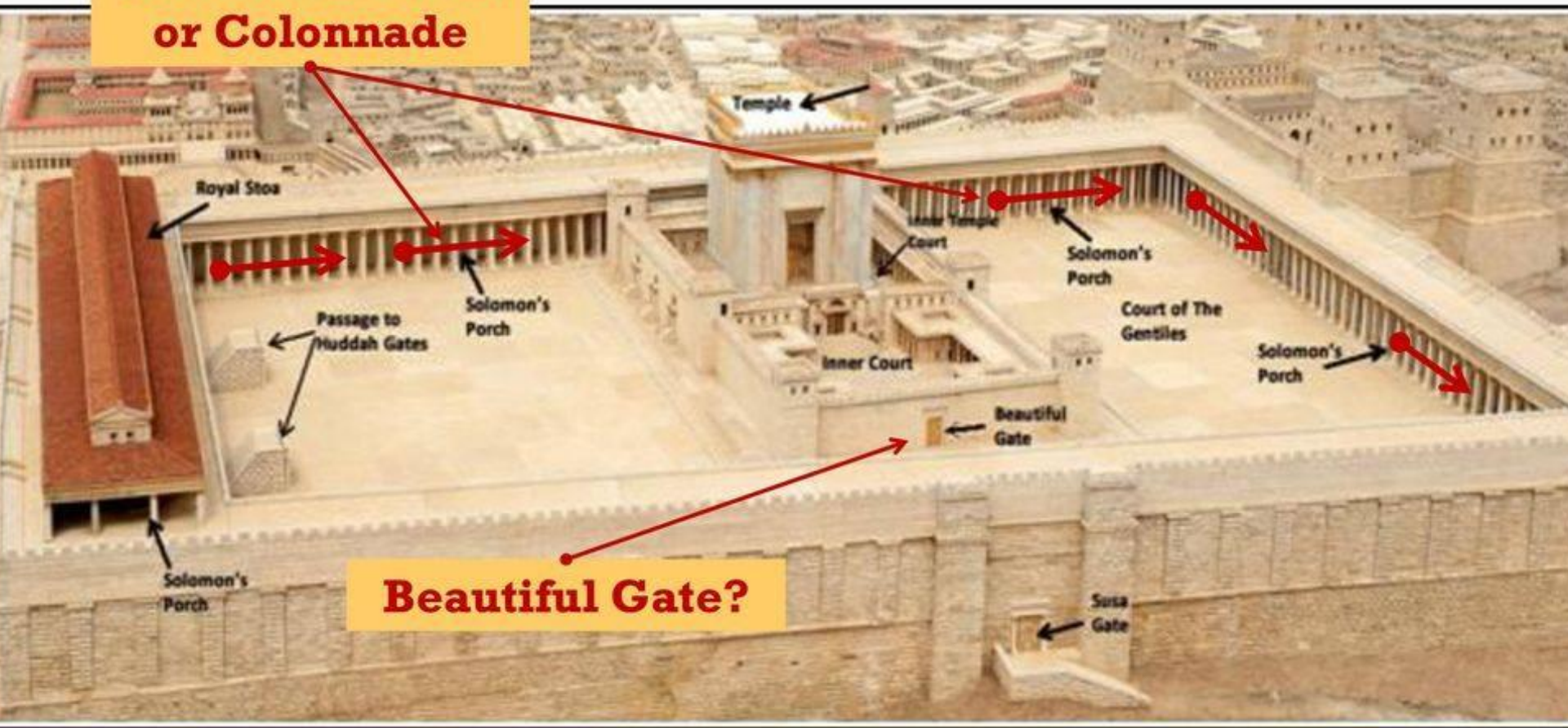
11 While he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

1. Portico of Solomon

2. Full of amazement

Temple Complex

**Solomon's Porch
or Colonnade**



Beautiful Gate?

The man was not only healed physically, but he also was healed spiritually, because he was now praising God.

Is. 35: 5-6

5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.

6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.

1. The beggar had joy for being healed.
2. The beggar expressed his joy by praising and worshiping God in the temple.
3. The miracle was a witnessed by many people.

This miracle shows that Jesus was continuing to work through His apostles and that His name was still powerful to perform the same gracious miracles of healing that took place when He was on this earth.

God's miraculous gift of salvation should cause us to praise Him with joy so that others will marvel at His mighty power.

Titus 3: 5-7

5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

6 whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

7 so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life.

When God mercifully saves your soul, He doesn't do it because of anything that He sees in you.

He saves you through His power, mercy and grace.

Eph. 2: 8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

1 Peter 1: 3-5

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,
5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1: 8-9

8 and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,
9 obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls.

Eph. 1: 3-6

3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love.

5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will,

6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

2 Peter 1: 3

3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

If you have received God's mercy in Jesus Christ, then you can and must tell others.

Your joy that comes from being saved should provide openings to tell the good news, that Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners.

In this first recorded miracle of the church, God is demonstrating His power, and bearing witness through His followers (the Apostles).

Through His followers (the Apostles), He is reaching out to save and heal the world.

His followers (the Apostles) are now:

His instruments

His emissaries

His ambassadors

His representatives

His messengers

His *witnesses* to a world lost in suffering and death, sin and shame.

8. What did Peter do in response to the gathered crowd? (3:12)

Acts 3: 12

12 But when Peter saw *this*, he replied to the people, “Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”

1. Peter seized the opportunity to preach the Gospel to the crowd.

- a. The crowd was amazed with this miracle.
- b. They gazed at Peter and John.
- c. The miracle was not performed by their power. It was performed in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene.

9. To whom did Peter attribute the power for healing the beggar? (3:13-15)

Acts 3: 13-15

13 “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, *the one* whom you delivered and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

14 “But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

Jesus

1. Power and holiness are not of men.
2. The God of our fathers has glorified His servant Jesus.

Acts 3: 14-15

14 “But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
15 but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

1. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One.
2. You put to death the Prince of life.
3. *Jesus is the One* whom God raised from the dead.
4. *A fact* to which we are witnesses

10. What is the significance of Jesus' name in the healing of the lame man? (3:16)

Acts 3: 16

16 “And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

1. It was on the basis of faith in the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man.

2. The faith which comes through Jesus has given him this perfect health.

3. The people were witnesses.

11. According to Peter, why did certain Jews mistreat Jesus? (3:17)

Acts 3: 17

17 “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

You acted in ignorance

12. How did the Jews' ignorance further the plan of God? (3:18)

Acts 3: 18

18 “But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

Jesus Christ would suffer fulfilling what was prophesied by the prophets.

14. What results would follow if Peter's audience responded to his words? (3:19-21)

Acts 3: 19-21

19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;
20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,
21 whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

1. Repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away.
2. Times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.
3. He may send Jesus, the Christ, whom heaven must receive.
4. *The* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient times.

15. How did Moses and the prophets predict the coming of Jesus? (3:22-23)

Acts 3: 22-23

22 “Moses said, ‘The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed to everything He says to you.’

23 ‘And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’

1. The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren (Deut. 18: 15, 18).
2. Give heed to everything He says to you.
3. Every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed.

16. How did Peter offer hope to his audience in spite of his warnings? (3:24-26)

Acts 3: 24-26

24 “And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

25 “It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

26 “For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways.”

Peter's 2nd Sermon

1. (3: 12) **Opportunity—Witnessing** - a crowd gathered and Peter grasped the opportunity.
2. (3:12–13) **God's Power—Holiness** is the source of God's power for salvation.
 - a. The people marveled
 - b. Peter made the fact clear, very clear. *Power and holiness* are not of men. God does not work miracles for men to be glorified
 - c. The power and holiness is of God's Son.
3. (3:13–15) **Jesus Christ - Death** – Ultimate sacrifice for the atonement of sins on the cross.
 - a. Men “delivered up” God's Son. It was not only the men of Jesus' day who put Jesus on the cross. It is every man who has ever lived. No man would have done differently. We all would have crucified Him. This is the very point of His death.
 - b. Men denied Jesus, the Holy One and the Righteous One, even when He was innocent.
 - c. Men desired Barabbas, a sinner and a murderer, even before God's Servant
 - d. Men killed the Prince of Life.

Peter's 2nd Sermon

4 (3:15) Jesus Christ - Resurrection of Jesus.

5 (3:16) Jesus Christ - Name—Believe in Jesus' name. His name made a man perfectly sound.

6 (3:17–18) Jesus Christ, - Death - God had foretold of the Messiah's death.

- a. The people who rejected and killed Christ did so in ignorance.
- b. God fulfilled the prophetic Scriptures in the suffering of Jesus.

7 (3:19) Repentance - Men must repent and turn again to God.

- a. Their sins are forgiven.
- b. The Lord will send “seasons of refreshing” from His presence.

Peter's 2nd Sermon

8. (3:20–21) **Jesus Christ - Return** - Jesus' return and the restoration of all things.
9. (3:22–24) **Judgment** - God predicted the coming judgment through the prophets.
10. (3:25-26) **Jews were God's people** - God warns Israel. However, the warning is really to all men, for the Son of God Himself has been to earth and *blessed all men* with the glorious message of salvation.