



The Not Lame Man

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TODAY'S READING: Acts 3

You know "what's his name" that was always at the Beautiful Gate. To my knowledge history does not tell us his name, but his story is a different situation all together. His story was the talk of the town - the guy that was lame and had never walked since birth can now walk. The man that has never walked is walking around in the temple leaping like a frog and praising God. Acts 3:10 tells us the people's reaction. They recognized him who was lame from birth but now the people were "filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."

The people wanted to know what happened. They wanted details as we all often do when something big happens. Peter gave a lecture on how the Pharisees, the religious leaders, as well as the people themselves, missed the biggest event in history because they were not paying attention and because of their hardness of heart. Peter even took it up a notch in Acts 3:15 when he said, *"and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses."* Peter continues in verse 16 of Acts 3 with these words, *"And his name-by faith in his name-has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."*

The message was not, "Go on your way, folks, there is nothing to see here." The message was, "There is a lot more to see here. Folks, come on in!" Let me tell you how this man was healed. Let me tell you how you can be spiritually healed. Let me tell you about the Author of life who you killed.

I hope people know our names, but I also hope they can see a huge difference in our lives and see how Jesus has changed us. This man was crippled, but now he walks. That man was blind, but now he sees. I was a sinner who did what I wanted and lived in a way that did not honor God. Look now, God has changed me just like the not lame man. Remember the guy from the Beautiful Gate? He walks; his faith has made him well. Let me repent of my sins and follow Jesus for Him to heal me spiritually from my sin nature.

PRAYER: God, let my life be a clear example of what true change looks like. Let me worship and celebrate You in a way that it causes others to ask what's going on with him? He is different!

TOMORROW'S READING: Acts 4

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