



The Healing of a Lame Man
Acts 3:1-10
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The Apostles Go to the Temple

Acts 3:1 (NASB)
Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer.

- The 9th hour is 3:00 pm
- Besides prayers, there were sacrifices at this time
- This expands on the idea of Acts 2:46

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A Lame Man Is Carried to the Temple

Acts 3:2 (NASB)
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.

- The gate "Beautiful" was likely the Nicanor Gate which was made of Corinthian bronze.
- He was laid there because people were likely to give alms on their way to prayer
- That he was always lame enhances the miracle

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Peter and John Are Asked to Give

Acts 3:3-4 (NASB)
When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!"

- Alms were the way someone like this lame man survived
- Peter and John will serve as two witnesses, with Peter as the spokesman
- "Look" is in the imperative

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Peter Commands the Lame Man to Walk!

Acts 3:5, 6 (NASB)
And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 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!"

- God's provision is what we need, not necessarily what we want or expect
- Something does not have to be humanly possible for God to command it
- "Walk" is in the imperative

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A Sign of Messianic Salvation

Acts 3:7, 8 (NASB)
And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

- This is a total miracle, he immediately is able to walk
- This fulfills Bible prophecy: Isaiah 35:6

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A Sign of Messianic Salvation

Isaiah 35:6 (NASB)

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.

Luke 7:22 (NASB)

And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them."

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Amazement Is a Common Response to a Miracle in Luke/Acts

Acts 3:9, 10 (NASB)

And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 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.

- Luke 4:36, 5:9, 5:26, 7:16, 24:41, Acts 2:12
- Signs point to the truth of Messiah and His work of redemption
- A public witness to God's saving power

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Themes of Luke/Acts – Release of Sins

Luke 4:18, 19 (NASB)

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set free those who are oppressed, To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord."

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Themes of Luke/Acts – Release of Sins

Luke 5:20, 21 (NASB)

Seeing their faith, He said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." The scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this man who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?"

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Themes of Luke/Acts – Repentance

Luke 24:46-48 (NASB)

and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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Themes of Luke/Acts – Power to Witness

Acts 1:8 (NASB)

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

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