

‘Whom you denied, God raised’

The Author of Life and the Power
of His Name

Acts Chapter 3

I. THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN (1-11)

A. The Miracle At The Temple Gate (1-8)

1. Peter and John go to the temple at the hour of prayer
2. A man crippled from birth begs for alms at the Beautiful Gate
3. Peter: “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you.”
4. The healed man rises, walks, leaps and praises.

B. The Response Of The Crowd (9-11)

1. They know this man
2. They are filled with awe and wonder
3. They rush to see/hear more

II. PETER'S SECOND SERMON (12-26)

A. The Miracle Explained (12-16)

1. Why are the people looking at Peter and John?
2. The power comes from Jesus Christ
3. “Whom you delivered and denied, God has raised”

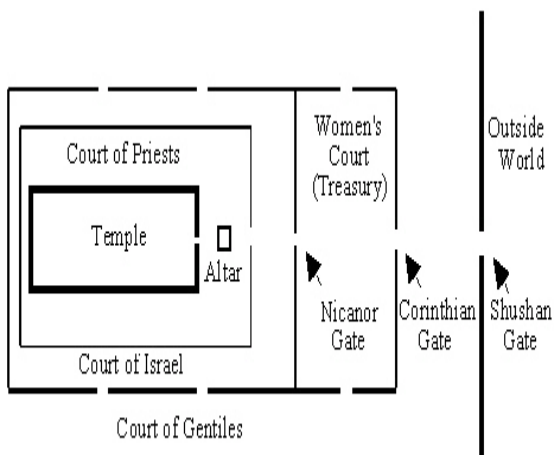
B. The Call To Repent And Be Saved (17-26)

1. “I know you acted in ignorance
2. These things God foretold by the mouth of His prophets
3. God sent His Servant Jesus to the Jews first to bless them
4. Repent: Turn from wickedness and to God

5. Those who do not repent will be destroyed

The Wonder (Acts 3:1-10)

- The odd couple
- The temple
- The hour of prayer
- The man crippled from birth
- The Beautiful Gate



- The encounter/connection
- What is better than “silver and gold”? (Acts 3:6)
- “Leaping and praising God” (Acts 3:7-9)
- Wonder and amazement (Acts 3:10)

“The miracle was both literal and parabolic, because the Spirit-filled church dispenses more than care for the body — it brings healing to the soul. In place of spiritual lameness, there can be leaping!

“The Spirit-filled church imparts joy. When the rejoicing cripple entered the temple, the echoing chambers resounded with his jubilation. Hallelujahs rang from the vast cedar ceiling of Solomon’s Porch as everyone stopped (even the money changers) to watch the high-jumping cripple!”

— **R. Kent Hughes**, *The Church Afire*
(*Preaching the Word*)

The Word (Acts 3:11-16)

- Peter’s second sermon
- Solomon’s Portico
- “Men of Israel ... why do you wonder? Why do you stare?” Do you think “by our own power or piety we have made him walk?” (Acts 3:12)
- “The God of our fathers glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.” (Acts 3:13)
- “You denied the Holy and Righteous One” for a murderer (Acts 3:14)
- “You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.” (Acts 3:15)
- Faith in the name of Jesus has restored this man’s health. (Acts 3:16)
- Peter emphasizes three theological facts in his sermon:
 - The glory of Christ

- The sinfulness of man
- The right response to the gospel

The Work of Jesus through the Spirit (Acts 3:17-26)

- Forgiven for ignorance? (Acts 3:17)
- This was the plan of God foretold by prophets (Acts 3:18)
- Repent and turn back (Acts 3:19-21)
 - Your sins blotted out
 - Times of refreshing coming from the Lord
 - The return of Jesus to restore “all things”
- A prophet like Moses (Acts 3:22-24)
 - Listen
 - He who does not listen will be destroyed
- All the prophets who have spoken since Samuel (Acts 3:25)
 - You are the sons of the prophets
 - You are the sons of Abraham
 - Through your offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed
- God raised up His servant and sent him to you first (Acts 3:26)
 - To bless you
 - By turning everyone from wickedness

The Witness

True repentance has four essential aspects:

1. Intellectual (I must be aware and understand that I have done wrong to a Holy God)
2. Emotional (rooted in God's love for me, I must hate sin as he does)
3. Volitional (I must have an earnest desire to change and sin no more)
4. Spiritual (I must believe that Christ is faithful and just to forgive all sins and cleanse all unrighteousness from those who confess their sins (1 John 1:9))

Blessings of repentance:

- The forgiveness of sin (blotted out) *Acts 3:19*
- Times of refreshing in the presence of the Lord *Acts 3:20*
- The Second Coming (the restoring of all things) *Acts 3:20-21*

The Messiah foretold by the prophets:

- Suffering servant *Acts 3:13, 18, 26*
- Prophet like Moses *Acts 3:22-23*
- Seed of Abraham *Acts 3:25*

"The gifts of the Lord's Spirit were being manifested, in a confirmation of Pentecost. The church had discovered that the power and passion of the wind and fire was given to them for a needy, paralyzed world."

— **Stuart Briscoe**, *The Preacher's Commentary*

Next: *Acts 4*