



THE BOOK OF ACTS - CHAPTER 3

Miracle At The Temple

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Chapter 3 is a *historical narrative*. Luke describes the prayer routine of Peter and John, the presence of a lame beggar at a gate in the temple complex, the encounter between the two apostles and the beggar, which leads to the beggar being healed, and the reaction of the people who see the healed beggar.

The narrative is a *miracle story*. Its focus is not on Peter and John, or on the lame man and what the healing did for him, but on the continuing effectiveness of the power of Jesus, whom Peter described on Pentecost as the crucified, risen, and exalted Messiah who sits as Lord on the heavenly throne at God's right hand.

Acts 3:1-3 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. ³Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

Acts 3:4-10 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." ⁵And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" ⁷And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. ⁸And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Isaiah 35:6 . . .then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.

REF Acts 3:11-16

REF Acts 3:17-26

Luke 23:34 *And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”*

Dt 18:15 *“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to Him you shall listen”*

1. Jesus the Messiah **EXERCISES** the power of God the Creator.

2. Christian believers **MINISTER** to others with the power of Jesus.

3. Christians **LIVE** in the power of Jesus.

The goal of Christian ministry is ultimately not that the poor, the sick, the depressed, and the challenged are being helped, but that they can fully participate in the community of the people of God, as believers who have found *true salvation* in the Name of Jesus Christ.

4. God is the Lord of **HISTORY**.

5. God is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is not a **PHILOSOPHICAL IDEA** or a **THEOLOGICAL DOCTRINE**, but the God of specific, living human beings.

Commitment to God, who has revealed Himself in Jesus, involves a connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the community of those who have come to faith in Jesus and salvation.

JESUS IS THE AUTHOR OF LIFE

He is the pioneer of the new covenant, the Savior in whose name people find salvation. Conversion involves repentance, a change of direction, and faith in Jesus, who is God's crucified and risen Messianic Servant.

- All people need to repent.
- Repentance involves a change of direction.
- Conversion involves faith in Jesus.
- Faith in Jesus is trusting in Jesus as God's suffering Servant whose death atones for my sins.