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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS



One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ² Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!”

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⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

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⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

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⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

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- **Healing a lame man in the name of Jesus (Acts 3:7).**
- **Give someone a cup of cold water in His name (Mark 9:41).**
- **Receive a child in His name (Matt. 18:5).**

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**When people in need receive help from people,
they hardly know...They want to know why.**

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“You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead” (vv. 13–15).

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17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent, then, and turn to God...

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¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything...

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26 ...God raised up (and) sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."

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