

Our Roots

“Progress and Perils”



The church is ever evolving

Acts 3:1 3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.



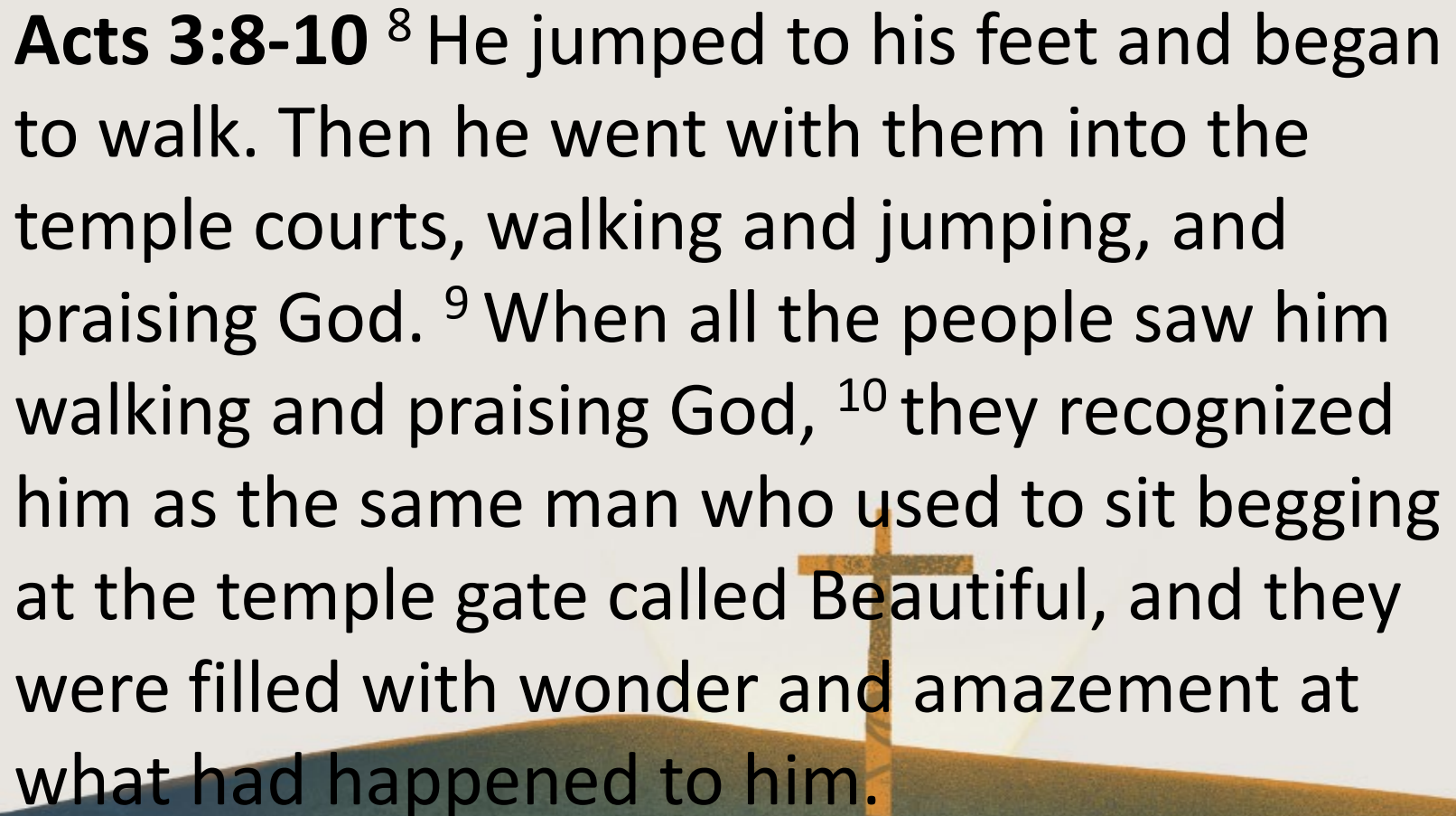
Give what you have been given

Acts 3:6 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.”



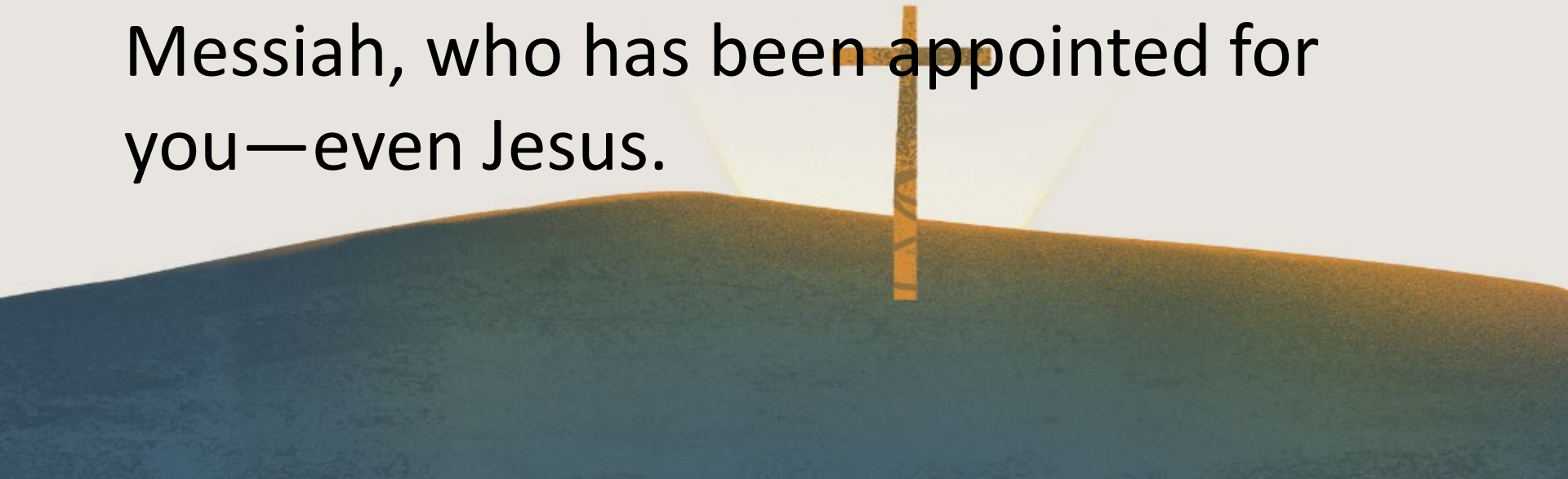
Well, that's new!

Acts 3:8-10 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. 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.

A wooden cross stands on a grassy hill. The background is a bright, hazy sky with a sun or moon low on the horizon, creating a soft glow. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams. The hill is covered in green grass, and the overall scene is peaceful and contemplative.

Peter preached the need for repentance

Acts 3:19-20 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.



Peter preached the need for repentance (cont)

- Your sins will be “wiped out”
- Times of refreshing will come
- Jesus will return



Standing for Jesus comes at a cost

Acts 4:3 ³ They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

But it is worth the price




Just keep preaching

Acts 4:12 ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”



Just keep praying

Acts 4:23-24 ²³ On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.



Be bold

Acts 4:31 ³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

