

A Lame Excuse For Preaching the Gospel

Acts 3:1-26

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Peter and John going to the temple shows us:

- They still think of themselves as Jewish

- They still observe Jewish customs

- They still read the Jewish scripture

- They still go to the temple

- They have a plan to witness to as many people as possible

The lame man was not only physically handicapped but spiritually as well

- Lame from birth

- Thought of as a sinner and could not participate in corporate worship of God in the temple

The healing of the lame man should remind us of Jesus' healing of the paralytic for two reasons:

- Praised God after being healed

- The paralytic's sins were forgiven thereby restored spiritually; the lame man was restored spiritually as he could now properly worship God in the temple

Using this opportunity, Peter addresses the crowd with four "mic drop" moments:

- Rejection of the Messiah

- Ignorant but guilty - so repent!

- Listen to him or be cut off

- Blessed to be a blessing

Luke's Gospel is all about Jesus.

Luke's second book is all about the Great Commission.