

Acts 3 Crippled Cured

- Unsure of time passage between Ch. 2 & 3
- This miracle has a negative impact on the Jewish leaders.
- Persecution was foretold in John 15:20

1. Healing – v. 1-11

- 1: Peter & John fishing partners (Lk. 5:10), followers, inner circle, prepared last Passover feast (Lk. 22:8), ran together to see empty tomb (Jn. 20:3-4), now going to Temple together.
- Met daily in court of Gentiles, 5:12, 60,000ft²
- 9th hour = 3pm; large crowd together
- 2: 40yo (4:22) lame man at Temple to survive, similar to man in Mk. 2:1-5, Beautiful Gate: 75ft tall, Corinthian bronze, plated in silver & gold, face East, rising sun reflect off of.
- 3: eagerness of receiving alms
- 4: most did not see beggars
- 5: apostles not much time to “make living”
- 6: great emphasis on the Name!
- 7: only place ankles mentioned in NT (Dr. Luke’s medical diagnosis); scrawny legs had blood flow again, immediate, all could see.
- 8: more than healing of flesh and bones, never had strength – no therapy needed! Praises God for newfound health!
- 9,10: imagine the reaction of the crowd!
- 11: clinging, not wanting them to leave him. Portico of Solomon: trad. held part of original Temple. Peter has the audience’s full attention, and they were ready for a sermon.

2. Sermon – v. 12-26

- Emphasis on the name; 2nd sermon goes unfinished
- 12: they had seen Jesus heal the sick in Jerusalem before, apostles had argued who would be greatest, Mk. 9:34, now they deflect the authority – a contrast to so many “healers” of today!
- 13: uses way God introduced Himself at Bush, Ex. 3:6, 15; suffering servant, Is. 53; what did God do? Glorified Him as opposed to what the leaders of the day did
- 14: holy: set apart; righteous: one against whom no charge can be brought
- 15: contrast w/ Barabbas, he took a life while Jesus gave life. The Jews murdered Jesus.

- 16: everything building to Name of Jesus; awkward working in GK/Eng, orig. qt.; healing came through faith in Jesus & His Name; logic: none could deny man healed; healed through Name of Jesus; therefore, Jesus must be the Messiah!
- 17: not to be overwhelmed by their guilt, being kind, leaders also acted in ignorance
- 18: can't stay behind veil of ignorance! Reading the prophets would clear all up!
- 19: parallels 2:38 perfectly; wiped away, GK ancient writing could be scraped off tablets; be converted – return to God
- 20: for you: God did specifically for you!
- 21: restitution of all things: Jewish idiom, Messianic term; national hope to personal
- 22-23: calling attention back to Moses and following prophets; God never left His people without an inspired spokesman; take Jesus seriously or be condemned
- 24: summary of remaining prophets
- 25: hearers spiritual heirs of the prophets
- 26: Jews 2nd chance; first hints at Gentiles; individual emphasis; invitation should follow

Lessons:

- The healing of the crippled man was immediate. There was no delay, and it did not hinge upon the faith of the sick. Lastly, the healing was irrefutable.
- Peter placed great emphasis, rightly so, upon the Name/Authority of Jesus. Everything we are to do today is to be done under His authority, Mt. 28:18-20, to give glory and honor to His Name, Col. 3:17.
- Today, if we desire to have our sins forgiven, we must repent and be converted. We cannot desire to be saved if we are not willing to change from our sins!

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