

LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 3:1-16 **TIME TO LEAP** P. 1082 PEW BIBLE

Acts 3:1-16 - Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple...And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But 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!**" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him....And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him... [And Peter said], "the God of our Fathers glorified **His servant Jesus...And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.**"

The apostles went to the temple to pray, and to preach the Lord Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of all God's promises, the means of receiving all God's blessings, the One in whom believers find all they need. -AJ Thompson

1- HOLY SPIRIT AT WORK - thru the disciples

Acts 3:1 - temple prayer & preaching

Acts 2:42-47, 3:1 - their koinonia life

Exodus 29:38-46 - sacrifices & petitions

Mal 3:1-4, Luke 2:22-35, 41-49, 19:45-46, 47-48 - the Lord comes to His temple

The ninth hour was the time of evening sacrifice. The atonement of Christ had rendered the temple and its sacrifices obsolete. The flames resting on Jesus' followers marked them as God's new temple, composed of living stones. And through the apostles, Christ Jesus came yet again to the temple, in the saving power of His name. -DE Johnson

2- A LAME MAN APPEALS - to the apostles

Acts 3:2-5 - asking for alms

Acts 4:14,22, 14:8-18 - inability

A lame man depended on people's piety and pity. Peter awakened his mindless mantra with arresting words. -DEJ

The lame man's congenital inability to stand or walk made the miracle more remarkable and undeniable. -RC Sproul

3- LAME MAN LEAPS FOR JOY - of the Lord

Acts 3:6-10 - lame from birth

Isaiah 36:3-6, 61:1 - Messiah

Acts 2:16-21, Joel 2:28-32 - Jesus

The leaping of this formerly lame man fulfills Isa 35:3-6, part of a restoration prophecy about Israel, which also harmonizes well with the restoration prophecies cited in Acts 1:8 & the citing of Joel 2:28-32 in Acts 2. -RC Sproul

4- NAME OF JESUS CHRIST - the Risen One

Acts 3:6, 11-16 - perfect health

Acts 3:16, 4:7, 10, 12, 17, 18, 30 - divine authority

Exodus 3:6, 13-15, 23:20-21, Deut 12:5, 11 - personal name

Psa 16:10, Isa 1:4, 12:6, 24:16, 47:4, 53:11 - holy righteous one

Luke 4:18-21, 5:17-26, 7:20-23, 9:1-2 - divine restoration

To heal in the name of Jesus was to invoke His power and presence, and everything that was true about His person. Jesus healed the man, working through Peter's faith, the faith that is through Jesus, who imparts this faith. -JBP

In Acts, actions often lead to an explanation about what God is doing; word and deed go together. -JB Polhill

5- WHAT WILL YOU GIVE? - in Jesus' name

Acts 3:6 - in the name of Jesus

John 14:12-14 - the works I do - in My name

John 15:12, Eph 2:8-10 - appointed to bear fruit

We serve a Master who reaches out to the untouchable, welcomes the unacceptable, cares for the insignificant. To this day, His life-giving Spirit imparts faith in His name, empowering timid people to leap in praise to God -DEJ

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9-04 **Acts 3:1-10** - Jesus heals

9-05 **Acts 3:11-16** - His name

9-06 **Isaiah 35:1-10** - Messiah

9-07 **Isaiah 61:1-11** - anointed

9-08 **Luke 4:18-21** - now fulfilled

9-09 **John 14:12-14** - My name

9-10 **Acts 2:41-47** - Holy Spirit

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

ACTS of the
Ascended
Lord Jesus Christ