

The Parchment

Studies for making fully devoted followers of Christ



Stand Up and Walk

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Acts 3
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Using This Study

① EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

② EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

③ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

He has borne
our griefs and
carried our
sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was WOUNDED for our
TRANSGRESSIONS, He was BRUISED for our
INIQUITIES
the chastisement
for our peace
was upon Him
AND BY
HIS STRIPES
WE ARE
HEALED
Isaiah 53:4 & 5

In Acts Chapter 3, we see the Spirit continue to work through the Apostles. Peter is used by the Holy Spirit to heal a man that has been lame his entire life. The man that was begging for money received something that was far greater than gold or silver. The Spirit works in his life and he receives a relationship with his creator. This morning we will talk about miraculous signs in the early church and what we should look for in our own church. The Holy Spirit is still working today; where do we see Him in our church?



❶ EXAMINE His Word (Observation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the passage.

Read Acts 3 (NET)

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time for prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon.² And a man lame from birth was being carried up, who was placed at the temple gate called "the Beautiful Gate" every day so he could beg for money from those going into the temple courts.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple courts, he asked them for money.⁴ Peter looked directly at him (as did John) and said, "Look at us!"⁵ So the lame man paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them.⁶ But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, stand up and walk!"⁷ Then Peter took hold of him by the right hand and raised him up, and at once the man's feet and ankles were made strong.⁸ He jumped up, stood and began walking around, and he entered the temple courts with them, walking and leaping and praising God.⁹ All the people saw him walking and praising God,¹⁰ and they recognized him as the man who used to sit and ask for donations at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with astonishment and amazement at what had happened to him.

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹¹ While the man was hanging on to Peter and John, all the people, completely astounded, ran together to them in the covered walkway called Solomon's Portico.¹² When Peter saw this, he declared to the people, "Men of Israel, why are you amazed at this? Why do you stare at us as if we had made this man walk by our own power or piety?¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom

you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate after he had decided to release him.¹⁴ But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be released to you.

¹⁵ You killed the Originator of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this fact we are witnesses!

¹⁶ And on the basis of faith in Jesus' name, his very name has made this man—whom you see and know—strong. The faith that is through Jesus has given him this complete health in the presence of you all.¹⁷ And now, brothers, I know you acted in ignorance, as your rulers did too.¹⁸ But the things God foretold long ago through all the prophets—that his Christ would suffer—he has fulfilled in this way.

¹⁹ Therefore repent and turn back so that your sins may be wiped out,²⁰ so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and so that he may send the Messiah appointed for you—that is, Jesus.²¹ This one heaven must receive until the time all things are restored, which God declared from times long ago through his holy prophets.²² Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your brothers. You must obey him in everything he tells you.'²³ Every person who does not obey that prophet will be destroyed and thus removed from the people.'

²⁴ And all the prophets, from Samuel and those who followed him, have spoken about and announced these days.²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors, saying to Abraham, 'And in your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed.'²⁶ God raised up his servant and sent him first to you, to bless you by turning each one of you from your iniquities."

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in this passage that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unalike such as similes and metaphors?

② EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)

What does God MEAN?

8. How did Peter heal the lame man?

9. What sin is Peter suggesting that the people repent from?

10. What is the best thing that Peter does for the lame man?

11. In verse 19, what must be done to wipe out sin?

12. In verse 16, it says the man is healed by faith. Is it the faith of the lame man or the faith of Peter that heals the man?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. Are there still miraculous healings like this in the church today?

14. If there are miraculous events in the church today, who would be able to decide when they happen?

15. When God moves miraculously in the church it is a great blessing. What should we desire more than miraculous signs in the church?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage:

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES

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