

Lesson 7: Acts 3:1-10 The Lame Beggar Healed

Background: Peter and John outside the temple in Jerusalem.

Acts 3:1-3 Who asked Peter and John for alms, for money? _____

Acts 3:4-7 What did Peter give the beggar instead of money? _____

Acts 3:8-10 What did the beggar do when God healed him? _____

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Acts 3:1-10 Question Answers

Acts 3:8-10 After Peter commanded the beggar to “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” **The man began jumping and leaping around in joy**, because he could move his legs for the first time in his life. Because everyone going to the temple during the afternoon hour of prayer everyday had seen this man begging for many years, they were amazed at what God had chosen to do when they saw this man leaping and walking on his feet.

Acts 3:4-7 When Peter and John looked at the beggar who had been lame from birth, unable to walk, the beggar thought that they would give him money. Jesus, God the Son, has not given everyone in His church family silver and gold, but He has given us everything we need to tell people about Jesus. To prove that Peter was speaking for Jesus, Peter grabbed the man’s hand and commanded him, “in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!” Even though the beggar thought what he needed was money, **God used Peter to give him new feet and ankles**. All healing comes from God. Peter could not just heal anyone he wanted to heal, but relied upon God the Holy Spirit, the Helper Who lives in all of God’s church family to heal people’s bodies, so that they might believe in Jesus.

Acts 3:1-3 While Peter and John were walking toward the Beautiful Gate of the temple of God in Jerusalem, **a lame beggar asked them for alms**. Visitors to the temple of God in Jerusalem would have to first enter the court of the women through one of many different gates, but the Beautiful Gate was bigger, heavier, and had cost more money to build than all of the rest of the gates. According to historians, it was about 75 feet tall and took 20 men to open and close it. The Beautiful Gate was made of bronze with gold and silver artwork on the outside. Because many people entered the temple through this gate, especially during the hour of prayer (3pm our time), this beggar’s friends or family would drop him off there to beg for alms everyday.

Lesson 8: Acts 3:11-26 Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

Background: Peter and John outside the temple in Jerusalem.

Acts 3:11 Who clung to Peter and John in the portico of Solomon? _____

Acts 3:12-16 How did Peter and John heal the lame beggar? _____

Acts 3:17-26 What did Peter tell the crowd about Jesus? _____

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Acts 3:11-26 Question Answers

Acts 3:11 In the passage before this, Peter and John met a lame beggar laying near the portico of Solomon, the Beautiful Gate of the temple of God in Jerusalem. This beggar could not walk and was asking people for money as they entered the temple. Peter told the man that they did not have silver or gold, but that he would give the beggar what they did have. So Peter said, “In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, get up and walk,” and by God’s power, the lame beggar was healed and began to jump up and down. **The lame beggar was so happy that he hugged Peter and John.** This caused many people who saw this to marvel at what had happened.

Acts 3:12-16 No one but God can heal the sick or raise the dead. Peter and John did not heal the beggar by their own goodness or power. Instead, **God chose to heal the beggar** to show everyone that Jesus is God the Son and that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit will only answer prayers asked in Jesus’ name.

Acts 3:17-26 The crowd of people who had seen this lame beggar get up and walk in the name of Jesus, were the same crowd who had called for Jesus to be crucified. Peter explained that all of the prophets of God had told them that **the Christ, the promised King from heaven, would come to the Jews to bless them.** God the Father sent Jesus, God the Son, first to the Jews, because they are God’s chosen people. God’s plan was for the Jews to trust and follow Jesus as their King, so that they might be saved and tell the rest of the world what God the Son, their King, has done for everyone who trusts and follows Him.