

<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth *hour*.

(NIV) One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three in the afternoon.

<sup>2</sup> And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the **gate of the temple which is called Beautiful**, to **ask alms** from those who entered the temple;

In the time of our Lord begging was common ([Mark 10:46](#); [Acts 3:2](#)). **Easton's Illustrated Bible Dictionary: and Treasury of Biblical History, Biography, Geography, Doctrine, and Literature.**

This gate of Herod's temple is mentioned in the narrative of the healing of the lame man by Peter and John in [Acts 3:2, 10](#). Little dispute exists as to the identification of the Beautiful Gate with the splendid "gate of Nicanor" of the Mishna (Mid., i.4), and "Corinthian Gate" of Josephus ----- The gate itself was of unusual size and splendor. It received the name "Nicanor" from its being the work, or having been constructed at the expense, of an Alexandrian Jew of this name. Lately an ossuary was discovered on Mt. Olivet bearing the Greek inscription: "The bones of Nicanor the Alexandrian, who made the doors." Its other name, "Corinthian," refers to the costly material of which it was constructed—Corinthian bronze. Josephus gives many interesting particulars about this gate, which, he tells us, greatly excelled in workmanship and value all the others ([BJ, V, v, 3](#)). The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia. ([BJ, V, v, 3](#)) **The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia.**

According to ancient writers, nine gates led into the sacred part of the temple. Eight of these structures were 45 feet tall; one, the main entrance to the Court of the Women, was 75 feet tall. This gate, called in some ancient sources the "Nicanor Gate," was made of Corinthian bronze. It was said to be of such exquisite workmanship that it "far exceeded in value those gates that were plated with silver and set in gold."! This gate faced the east; in the morning the early rays of the sun reflected off the bronze in fiery splendor. Most scholars believe that this was the gate called "Beautiful."

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<sup>3</sup> who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms.

<sup>4</sup> And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us."

Peter draws attention of man "look at

<sup>5</sup> So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

<sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Notice Peter's faith --- vs. 6 "rise up and walk" & vs. 7 "he took him by the right hand and lifted him up"

<sup>8</sup> So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them--walking, leaping, and praising God.

The miracle was instantaneous and also remember this man never walked – 3:2

<sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

<sup>10</sup> Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**Acts 4:15-16 (NKJV)** <sup>15</sup> But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, <sup>16</sup> saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a **notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.**  
**Acts 4:22 (NKJV)** For the man was **over forty years old** on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

<sup>11</sup> Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

Solomon's porch = **John 10:23, Acts 3:11 & Acts 5:12**

The porch was a portico (a roof supported by columns) which ran along the wall on the eastern side of the temple's outer court. Extending sixty feet from the wall into the temple area, the spacious portico provided space for a large crowd to gather and be sheltered from the rain or sun. Now that an audience had gathered in there in response to the miracle, Peter would preach to them.  
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<sup>12</sup> So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His **Servant** Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.

<sup>14</sup> But you denied the **Holy One** and the **Just**, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

<sup>15</sup> and killed the **Prince of life**, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

verse 13 = His Servant Jesus God glorified (contrast) you delivered up and denied  
verse 13-14 = the Holy One ---the Just --- Pilate was determined to let go (contrast) asked for a murderer  
verse 15 = killed the prince of life (contrast) God raised from the dead

<sup>16</sup> And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers.

<sup>18</sup> But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

See: **Luke 24:44-49 & Isaiah 53:1-12**

<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

**Acts 3:19 (ESV)** Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,

**Acts 3:19 (NASB)** "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

**Acts 3:19 (NIV)** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**Acts 2:38 (NKJV)** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before,

<sup>21</sup> whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

<sup>22</sup> For Moses truly said to the fathers, *'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you.'*

See: **Deuteronomy 18:15, 18-19**

Looking for that Prophet – See: **John 1:21, John 1:25, John 6:14 & John 7:40**

<sup>23</sup> *And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'*

<sup>24</sup> Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days.

<sup>25</sup> You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, *'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'*

<sup>26</sup> **To you first**, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities."

**Acts 2:39 (NKJV)** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

**Romans 1:16 (NKJV)** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

**Questions Acts 3**

1. What do we know about the lame individual who was at the gate of the temple?
2. How was Peter's faith demonstrated in the healing of the lame man?
3. List the **descriptive words** Peter uses in his teaching about Jesus.
4. List three contrasts given in verses 13-15.
5. Acts 2:38 can be identified with which verse in Acts chapter 3?
6. Why does Peter mention Moses?
7. Acts 2:39 and Romans 1:16 can be companion passages to which verse in Acts chapter 3?
8. What will you commit to memory from your study of Acts chapter 3?