

# Acts 3

## Acts 3.1-10

**V1** – Three temples in the history of God's people:

1. Solomon's Temple – 950 BC (See *Zondervan Bible Dictionary*, p. 831)

-It was destroyed in 586 by the Babylonians

2. Zerubbabel's temple

-It was completed in 515 BC and was plundered and destroyed in 63 BC by the Roman general Pompey

3. Herod's temple – It was built from 20 BC to 64 AD and was destroyed by the Roman general Titus in 70 AD – Today there is a Moslem mosque on that site

-See *Matt. 24.2* – "not one stone left on another"

-The "ninth hour" – 3:00 p.m.

-**Why did Peter and John choose this time for a miracle?** Many people would have been gathered in the temple in mid-afternoon

**V2** – **What medical details did Luke give?** Gender, condition, source of the condition, "method of travel"

-**In the First Century, what would a person do when he was sick?** No hospitals or clinics, no Red Cross, very few doctors were available – a hopeless situation

-**Where did the Good Samaritan take the man beaten by robbers?** To an inn

-**Why was the crippled man begging here?** People are more generous when going to worship

**V3** – The beggar asked Peter and John for money

**V4** – **Why did Peter say this?** To draw attention to what was about to happen

**V5** – **What did the crippled man think was going to happen?** Peter would give him money

**V6** – **Were the apostles rich people?** No (they did not have any silver or gold)

-Remember that Jesus had said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to go to heaven

-**What did Peter have?** Power of the Holy Spirit

-**Was there any self-glory on the part of Peter and John?** Absolutely not

-**Where was Jesus born?** Bethlehem (the Book of Mormon says that he was born in Jerusalem)

-**Why "Nazarene?"** Because he was raised there

-Joseph and Mary and Jesus went to Bethlehem for the census (*Luke 2.1-4*)

**V7** – **What additional medical information did Luke give here?** Peter took the man's right hand, and strength was given to the man's ankles and feet

**V8** – **Did he praise Peter and John?** No

**V9** – **Did anyone question the miracle?** No

**V10** – **Why not?** Because they all knew that this man had been crippled since his birth

## **Acts 3.11-22**

**V 11** – "Porch of Solomon" – Part of the temple made out of scraps of Solomon's temple

**V 12** – **His introduction?** Not by our power

**V 13-15** – The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob – What a great introduction before this Jewish crowd

**-What 3 things did Peter accuse them of?**

1. They had delivered up Jesus
2. They had disowned him before Pilate – See *John 19.18-22* – the sign over the cross
3. They had let a murderer be released instead of Jesus
4. They had put Jesus to death

**V 16** – The glory was given to Jesus

**-Are there any preachers today who glorify themselves?** Many (especially the TV evangelists)

**V 17** – **The reason for their action?** Ignorance

**-Why did Peter say this?** Great way to convert them

**V 18** – **Which prophet?** Isaiah (in *Isaiah 53*)

**V 19** – **What does "return" refer to?** Baptism

**V 20-21** – "Restoration" – a medical term that referred to being made well again

**V 22** – A quote from *Deut. 18.15*, from the Septuagint (LXX)

**-"You brethren" – Was Jesus a Jew?** Yes

**-From what tribe?** Judah (not Levi)

**V 23** – **What was the prophecy about those who would heed the words of the prophet of God?**

They would be destroyed

**V 24** – The prophets (from Samuel to the last of the Old Testament prophets) spoke of these days

**V 25** – **What did Peter remind them about?** They were the descendants of the prophets and should have known that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah

**V 26** – The gospel was to be delivered to the Jews first, in order to turn them from their wicked ways

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