

6—Healing at the Gate Beautiful

Acts 3

1. Acts 2:43 speaks of the many “wonders and signs done through the apostles.” Act 2:46 notes the early church was “continuing daily with on accord in the temple.” What happens in Acts 3 which draws a crowd on Solomon’s porch?
2. Can you think of examples of when the compassion of Jesus opened doors of opportunities for His teaching?
3. What hour of the day did this miracle occur (Acts 3:1)? What time is this on our clocks? Why might this have been a case of good timing to draw a crowd? What can we learn about having good timing (Ecclesiastes 3)?
4. Luke is careful to detail the condition of the man prior to his healing (Acts 3:2)? How quickly is he healed by the apostles and how does this contrast with many modern-day “healings” (Acts 3:7-8, cp. 3:16)?
5. Do Peter and John seem to allow this newfound popularity to go to their head (Acts 3:12)? What do they do with this opportunity (Act 3:13ff)? Who gets the credit and glory?
6. According to Mark 16:20, what was the purpose of the apostles’ ability to perform miracles such as these? What does this miracle give Peter the opportunity to do in the presence of the people (Acts 3:11-16)? Even greater than physical healing, what does Peter proclaim Jesus is able to do?

7. While this lame man was suffering from a physical malady, what had those gathered in the audience recently done and what was the cure to THEIR problem (Acts 3:17-19)?

8. In Act 2 Peter quoted from Joes and David to prove to the Jews that the suffering of Jesus was foretold. Who does Peter quote from and reference in this instance to help substantiate his case (Acts 3:13, 22, 24)?

9. The people of Israel expected certain things of the coming Messiah based on Old Testament prophecy. Write down the passages in Acts 3 which allude to the Old Testament prophecies listed below...

- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Genesis 22:18
- Deuteronomy 18:18-19
- 2 Samuel 7:16

10. What great blessings were offered to those who responded to the message of Jesus Christ (Acts 3:16-26)? What duties are given to the followers of Jesus in this passage (3:19, 23, 26)? Does the fact Peter phrases His message differently in Act 2 negate anything that was said in his first sermon on Pentecost?