

## The Healing of a Man at the Gate Beautiful

Acts 3:1 – 3:21

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### Begging was a way of survival

- **Acts 3:1, 2**

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple.

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### Two Apostles Notice Him

- **Acts 3:3 - 5**

When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he began asking to receive alms. But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him and said, "Look at us!" And he began to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

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## The lame man is healed

### ■ **Acts 3:6, 7**

But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene walk!" And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

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## They respond with amazement

### ■ **Acts 3:8 - 10**

With a leap he stood upright and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God; and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

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## Messianic prophecy is fulfilled

### ■ **Isaiah 35:6**

Then the lame will leap like a deer, And the tongue of the mute will shout for joy. For waters will break forth in the wilderness And streams in the Arabah.

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## Peter claims no credit for God's work

### ■ Acts 3:11, 12

And while he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement. But when Peter saw this, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

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## Peter preaches Christ!

### ■ Acts 3:13 - 15

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, the one whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, but put to death the Prince of life, the one whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses.

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## The name of Jesus is His character and nature

### ■ Acts 3:16, 17

And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

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## Paul also acted in “ignorance”

### ■ **1Timothy 1:13**

even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

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## Peter issues a call to repentance

### ■ **Acts 3:18, 19**

But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 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;

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## God promises the restoration of Israel

### ■ **Acts 3:20, 21**

and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

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## Implications and Applications

- 1) True signs and wonders point to the person of Christ, not to the preacher
- 2) Faith is in God and it comes from God
- 3) National Israel will be restored at the end of the tribulation with Christ on the throne

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- 1) True signs and wonders point to the person of Christ, not to the preacher

### ■ **Acts 14:11 - 13**

When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they raised their voice, saying in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have become like men and have come down to us." And they began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates, and wanted to offer sacrifice with the crowds.

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- 1) True signs and wonders point to the person of Christ, not to the preacher

### ■ **Acts 14:14, 15**

But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their robes and rushed out into the crowd, crying out and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them."

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2) Faith is in God and it comes from God

■ **Ephesians 2:8**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

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2) Faith is in God and it comes from God

■ **Romans 10:17**

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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3) National Israel will be restored at the end of the tribulation with Christ on the throne

■ **Luke 1:32**

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David;

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3) National Israel will be restored at the end of the tribulation with Christ on the throne

■ **Romans 11:25, 26**

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery so that you will not be wise in your own estimation that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob."

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3) National Israel will be restored at the end of the tribulation with Christ on the throne

■ **Matthew 24:34**

"Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place."

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