



Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lesson 27 – Acts 03

People — Who is involved?

*Peter and John healed the lame man.
The lame man healed.
All the observers who later heard Peter's sermon.*

Places — Where does it happen?

*Jerusalem at the Temple.
We do not know when this occurred. It could have been weeks or months after Pentecost.*

Pearls — What information will help me to understand better?

- Vs 1 – Tradition (rather than specific commandment) called for prayer at the 3rd, 6th, and 9th hours. Psalm 55:17 is a possible example. Daniel prayed three times a day (Dan. 6:10).*
- Vs 1 – The “ninth hour” was about 3:00 pm. The Jews counted time from sunrise, about 6:00 am.*
- Vs 2 – Perhaps the gate called “Beautiful” was the Nicanor Gate which led from the court of the Gentiles into the Court of Women. Stairs led up to the Temple grounds where these events took place.*
- Vs 3 – “Alms” were gifts of charity given to beggars. This man was lame from birth, unable to work.*
- Vs 6 – “In the name of Jesus” means that the power and right to do this was from Jesus, not Peter.*
- Vs 11 – “Solomon’s Porch,” a portico (roof supported by columns) on the eastern side of the outer court.*
- Vs 14 – The “murderer” was Barabbas (Luke 23:13-19).*
- Vs 19 – The “times of refreshing” refers to the spiritual blessings from God associated with the salvation offered by Christ. It is refreshing to have one’s sins taken away and relationship restored to God. (see Isaiah 28:12 and 40:1ff for prophecies anticipating rest and spiritual prosperity with Messiah).*
- Vs 21 – The “restoration of all things” refers to God’s fulfillment of all that he had promised through the Prophets. We are living in the time when God is restoring mankind to Himself in Christ.*
- Vs 22 – The Jews thought they were defending Moses and the Law by denying Jesus. Peter is saying that even Moses predicted another Prophet like Himself (Jesus, a spokesman for God and Lawgiver).*
- Vs 24 – To further confirm Jesus as God’s Prophet, Peter says all the prophets looked forward to this time.*
- Vs 25 – Not only Moses and the Prophets but also Abraham, their national Father, was promised this.*
- Vs 26 – The purpose of Christ’s coming was to turn all men away from sin.*

Perspectives – What may I learn from this chapter?

- 1. The miraculous power exhibited by the apostles came from Jesus in heaven, not themselves.*
- 2. The condition of forgiveness must begin with repentance from sin.*
- 3. All the Jewish messengers of God before Jesus foretold of His authority to instruct and command.*