

**Series "God At Work" Book Of Acts
"Day In The Church"
Acts 3:1-26
Study-7**

This New Power Of The NT Church Was From God! Acts 3:12

Question: How Was God's Power Manifested In The Daily Life Of The Church?

Acts 2 The Gospel In Power; Acts 2:43

Acts 3 The Gospel In Life: The Church was born to be a blessing!

Thought Of Our Passage: "Spirit-Filled Church Is Practical, Caring, In Which The Holy Spirit Works Through The Believers Glorifying Jesus."

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| 1. Verses 1-10 | What Happened |
| 2. Verses 11-16 | Why It Happened |
| 3. Verses 17-26 | How It Can Happen Again |

1. Verses 1-10 What Happened:

Acts 3:1 Now - We don't know how much time has elapsed after Pentecost.

The Infant 1st Century Church is a Jewish Church; It is centered in Jerusalem. **Acts 3:12**

Peter and John were going up to the temple - Even after the Church had been started, the disciples continued to visit the temple. (Jewish roots, God's Law, God's Promises)

at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. This would make it 3:00 PM.

Acts 3:2 And a man who had been lame from his mother's womb
Acts 4:22

gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, - "*Beautiful Gate*", Josephus said it was "Nicanor Gate", East side of the Temple, leading from outside into the Court of the Gentiles. (Made of Brass, 50 cubits high and 40 wide, plates of silver and gold with the vine of Israel)

Acts 3:3 Peter and John are coming to worship, and a man is coming to beg.

miracles of Jesus were much more than meeting human needs.

Blind – spiritually, **Leprosy** – sin, **Lame** – cannot walk and please God.

Deaf – can't hear God.

Sinners Are Born Spiritually Lame: And a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb, Acts 4:22, more than forty years old Psalm 51:5

A Sinner's Walk Cannot Please God: was being carried along,

Sinners Are Separated From God's People: (Outside the gate)

Romans 5:6;

Ephesians 2:12

Acts 3:4 Note How God Directed Peter And John: But Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze on him - They were open to the Lord. They prayed.

"Look at us!" *Can we say this? Do we say this?*

Acts 3:5 expecting to receive something from them. Sometimes it is just listening.

Identifying The Beggars: me and you are sinners –

Acts 3:6 But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold

but what I do have I give to you: (I have what you need) This was the Spirit of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-- walk!" The Name stands for all that a person is. That means that the name includes the power.

Acts 3:7 And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; What a step of faith.

and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. (*heals and ankles*) The phrase "**were strengthened**" in medical terms means "*completely, not partially healed.*"

Book of Acts records 17 miracles. There are only four cases of sickness in the following Epistles.

This miracle was chosen for several reasons:

1. It illustrates the spiritual condition of man.
2. It was a public miracle.
3. It was Peter's 2nd message and used by God to further the Gospel.
4. It was also chosen because it led to the first persecution of the Church.

Acts 3:8 With a leap, he stood upright and began to walk; Here is a man that is more than 40 years old. Acts 4:22 more than forty years old

he entered the temple (10 Lepers, only one returns to thank God).
This Man Was Filled with Joy and Gave The Glory To God: and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.

Acts 3:9-10

2. Verses 11-16 Why It Happened:

Acts 3:11 God Used The Miracle To Get People's Attention: all the people ran together to them - This was a public miracle; this was a well-known person.

At the so-called portico of Solomon or "*Solomon's Porch*", "*Solomon's Colonnade*", The raised outermost part of Herod's Temple with 162 columns that went all the way around the outer court (**John 10:23**)

Acts 3:12 But when Peter saw this, Peter no doubt asked God What should I say?

Israel's Invitation: "Men of Israel, - The setting is the court of the temple.

Peter Exalted God: as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

Isaiah 42:8

Acts 3:13 The Sermon Was Jesus-Centered: has glorified His servant Jesus,

Sermon Was According To The Scriptures: Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, 1 Samuel, Psalms, Isaiah, Zachariah

Jesus The Servant From God: has glorified His servant Jesus, He does not call Him the Son, but servant. This identifies Him with **Isaiah 42:1-9; 49:1-13; 52:13-53:12**

The Sermon Confronts Sin: the one whom you delivered and disowned

Acts 3:14 "But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, Luke 23:18 Barabbas

Jesus Is The Holy and Righteous One: the Holy and Righteous One
Psalm 16:10, Isa 31:1; 53:11; Zac 9:9 Acts 2 uses titles for Jesus found in Scripture.

Acts 3:15 put to death the Prince of life, does that make sense?

Jesus The Prince Of Life: Prince of life - *Author or Leader of life, Pioneer of life, Guide of life.*

God Raised Jesus From The Dead: God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses. States as fact to witnesses.

Acts 3:16 on the basis of faith in His name, our faith in Jesus, our dependence

God Has Sent The Holy Spirit's Power: it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; John 14:12-15

3. Verses 17-26 How It Can Happen Again:

Acts 3:17 now, brethren - identifies as a fellow Jew and sinner. - **acted in ignorance** (*not guiltless, ignorant*). Leaves a door open for them to repent. **Numbers 35**

Acts 3:18 Jesus Fulfills OT Prophecies: mouth of all the prophets,

Jesus, God's Suffering Servant: His Christ should suffer, Isaiah 53:4-5

Acts 3:19 Repent: "Therefore the suffering Servant has suffered in our place, repent – "*Change of mind*"

Faith Towards God: and return (turn to God), "*Change in outward conduct*"

so that your sins may be wiped away, - If we repent of our sins, faith towards God.

in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

Jesus Is Coming Back: Acts 3:20-21 The millennial kingdom.
Romans 9-11

The kingdom will not come apart from personal repentance. **Matthew 4:17**

Acts 3:22 Deuteronomy 18:15,18,19 Speaks of Jesus. Moses was a prophet

Acts 3:23 Genesis 17:14; Exodus 31:14

Acts 3:24-25 1 Samuel 13:14; 15:28; 16:13; 28:17; Genesis 12:3

Acts 3:26 sent Him to bless you

Application:

- 1.** The Power Of The Holy Spirit Is Available Today: The Needs are all around us. Many people need attention, love, and someone to listen to. We are God's hands.
- 2.** As A Christian, I Need To Be Open And flexible To God's Appointments.
- 3.** As A Christian, Our Dependence Must Be Upon The Holy Spirit's Power Through Faith: **Acts 3:16**