



Acts 3

Something to Start Us Off

- What's the strangest thing you've ever seen in a public place that made everyone stop and stare, like the temple crowd we are going to read about in Acts 3?

Something to Notice

- Where and when does this story take place?
- Who are the characters in the chapter and what does each one of them do?
- Try to identify the main points in Peter's address to the people.

Something to Learn

- The ninth hour, mentioned in v.1, is approximately 3pm.
- The location of the Beautiful Gate in v.2 is unknown; this is not a common name in other literature. Some suggest the Golden Gate which faces east. It was sealed shut in 1541 by Ottoman Sultan Suleiman.
- Solomon's Portico in v.11 was a double columned porch on the east side of the Temple Mount.

- What does the healing of the lame man reveal about the authority of Jesus' name in the early church? Consider the phrase "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth" (v.6)
- What is the significance of Peter addressing the crowd's ignorance in v.17, and how does it influence his call to action?
- In what ways does Peter's speech in verses 12-26 attempt to shape the crowd's understanding of Jesus and His role in God's plan?
- Consider the connections in vv.19-20 between repentance, refreshing, and the return of Jesus Christ. Read also 2 Peter 3:11-13 for an additional insight from the apostle.

Something to Take Home

- The lame man's healing led him to praise God publicly (v.8). How might you express gratitude to God for His work in your life in a way that others might notice?
- Imagine this whole event took place in our city today and you were a part of the crowd. How would you respond to Peter's message?