

THE BOOK OF
ACTS
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



Acts 2: 42-47

Message + Mission + Multiply

Acts 3:1 NIV

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

Acts 3: 2 NIV

Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

Three Prime Locations for Beggars

1. The Rich Man's Gate

Please turn to:

Luke 16: 19-21

Luke 16: 19-21 NIV

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.”

Three Prime Locations for Beggars

1. The Rich Man's Gate
2. Along the highway leaving the city

Please turn to:

Mark 10: 46

Mark 10: 46 NIV

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging.

Three Prime Locations for Beggars

1. The Rich Man's Gate
2. Along the highway leaving the city
3. The gate entering the temple

Question

Why do you think the gate entering the temple was a prime spot for those begging for money?

Acts 3: 2 NIV

Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.

Question

How long had this
man been lame?

Acts 3: 2 NIV

*Now a man who was lame
from birth was being
carried to the temple gate
called Beautiful, where he
was put every day to beg
from those going into the
temple courts.*

Acts 3: 3 NIV

When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

Acts 3: 4-5 NIV

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

Question

What do you think
the beggar was
expecting to get?

Acts 3: 6 NIV

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have,

Question

How do you think the
beggar felt at this
point?

Acts 3: 6 NIV

Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you.

**In the name of Jesus
Christ of Nazareth,
walk.”**

Question

Who is doing the
healing?

Acts 3: 7-8 NIV

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Question

Do you think many
people touched the
beggar?

Question

How quickly was he
healed?

Acts 3: 7-8 NIV

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Question

What did the man do
after he was healed?

Acts 3: 7-8 NIV

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Question

What do you think
the purpose of this
miracle was?

Acts 3: 7-8 NIV

*Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and **praising God.***

Acts 3: 9-10 NIV

When all the people saw him walking and praising God, they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

Acts 3: 11 NIV

While the man held on to
Peter and John, all the
people were astonished
and came running to them
in the place called
Solomon's Colonnade.

Please turn to:
John 10: 22-24

John 10: 22-24 NIV

Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Question

Peter is getting
ready to give them
what they asked for!

Acts 3:12 NIV

When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

Question

Who are the people
staring at?

Question

Why does Peter ask
if they are surprised?

Acts 3:13 NIV

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

Question

Note the reference
to the Jewish name
for God

Acts 3:13 NIV

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Isaac and Jacob, the God
of our fathers, has glorified
his servant Jesus. You
handed him over to be killed,
and you disowned him
before Pilate, though he had
decided to let him go.

Question

Now notice the
reference to the
Gentile Romans

Acts 3:13 NIV

*The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and **you disowned him before Pilate**, though he had decided to let him go.*

Question

Who is Peter saying
handed over Jesus to
be killed and who does
he say wanted to let
Him go?

Pilate actually
declared Jesus innocent
six times in the
combination of gospel
narratives. Six times,
he declared Jesus was
innocent.

Please turn to:

Luke 23:4

Luke 23: 4 NASB

Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, "I find no guilt in this man."

Question

If Pilate found Jesus innocent, why did he have Him crucified?

Please turn to:

Matthew 27: 24-26

Matthew 27: 24 NIV

When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

Matthew 27: 25-26 NIV

*All the people answered,
“His blood is on us and on
our children!”*

*Then he released
Barabbas to them. But he
had Jesus flogged, and
handed him over to be
crucified.*

Acts 3:13 NIV

*The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his **servant** Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.*

παῖδα (pais)

(a) a male child, boy,

(b) a male slave, servant

Acts 3:13 KJV

The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

Peter just told the crowd that they denied the Son of God and handed Him over to be murdered, but the Romans wanted to let Him go free!

Acts 3:14 NIV

You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

Acts 3:15 NIV

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

Acts 3:16 NIV

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Question

So who is Peter
saying healed this
man?

Acts 3:17 NIV

“Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.”

Question

Does ignorance
remove guilt?

Acts 3:18 NIV

But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

God is in control!

Acts 3:19 NIV

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Question

Why do they need to
repent?

Question

What does Peter say
will happen when they
repent?

Acts 3:19 NIV

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Repentance leads to:

1. Forgiveness of sins

Acts 3:19 NIV

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Repentance leads to:

1. Forgiveness of sins
2. Times of refreshing

Acts 3: 20-21 NIV

and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Repentance leads to:

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2. Times of refreshing
3. Looking forward to the return of Jesus

Acts 3: 20-21 NIV

and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until **the time comes for God to restore everything**, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Repentance leads to:

1. Forgiveness of sins
2. Times of refreshing
3. Looking forward to the return of Jesus
4. Restoration of everything

Acts 3: 22-23 NIV

For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

This is a quote from
Deuteronomy 18: 15-19,
but what point is Peter
making?

Acts 3: 22-23 NIV

For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.'

Acts 3: 24-25 NIV

“Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days. And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’”

Acts 3: 26 NIV

When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”

Next week

Please read

Acts 4:1-31