

GROWING IN FAITH



Acts 3

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 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. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 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. 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.” 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 3:1-8

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GOING DEEPER

Acts 1 began with an appearance of the resurrected Christ, Acts 2 the coming of the Holy Spirit, and Acts 3 with a miraculous healing.

What significance, if any, is there for 3 chapters and 3 supernatural events? Is Luke conveying a message or is it coincidence?

Read Acts 3:1-10

What is your first reaction to this story? Why?

Have you ever felt like the man in this story? I.e. have you ever felt like the one being saved? How did you react?

Read 1 Samuel 8. Compare to Jesus.

In the areas of your life where you lead (work, family, etc.) how do you reflect Jesus?

How do you reflect the stereotypical king in 1 Samuel 8?

What was your favorite part of Acts 3? Why?

What was your least favorite part of Acts 3? Why?