

Acts 3

The name of Jesus

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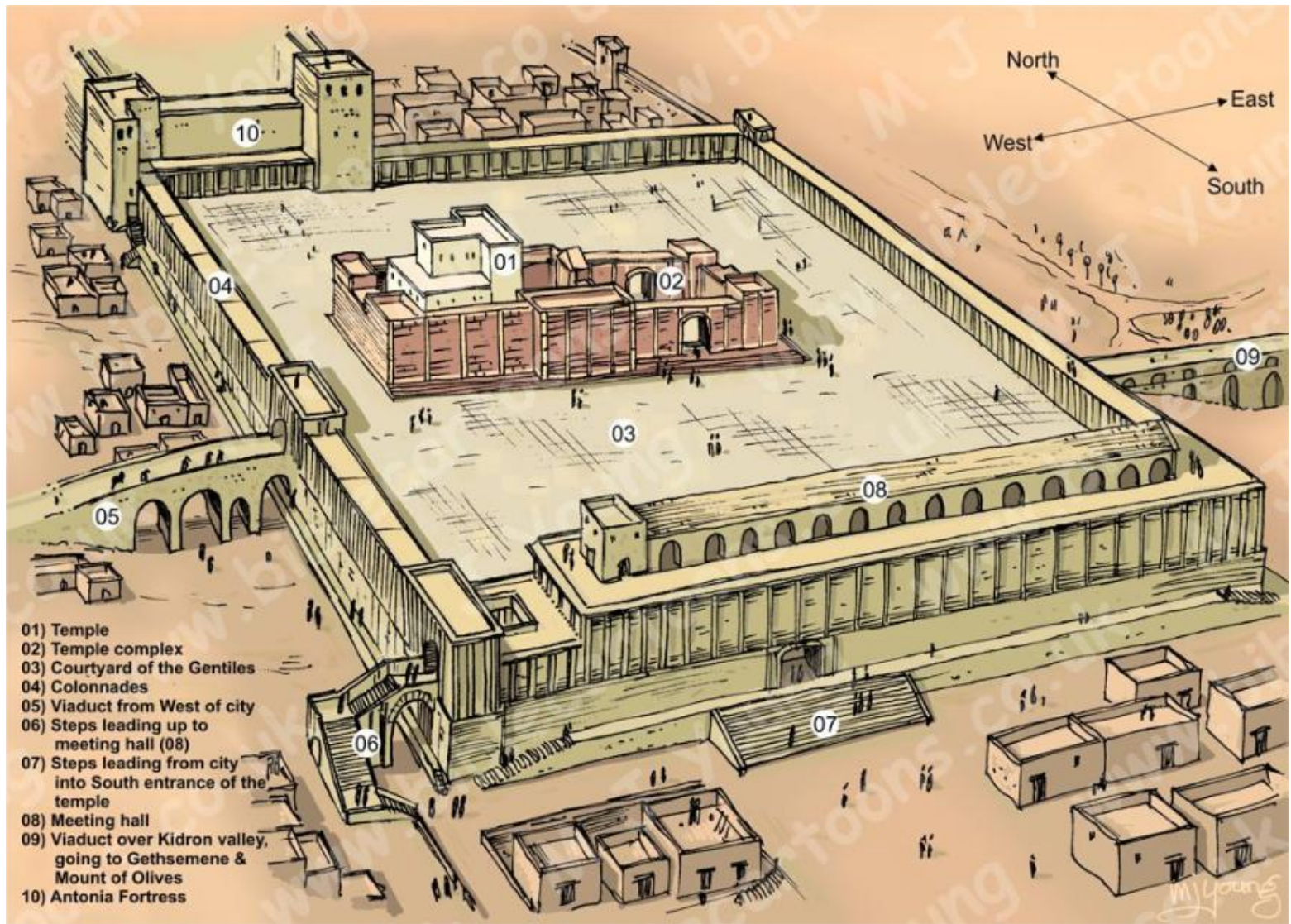
The Early Church

Devoted to (Acts 2:42-47)

- Teaching of God's word and Fellowship.
- Prayers and Communion.
- Voluntary sharing things in common.
- Attend worship together frequently.
- A habit of thanksgiving and praise.
- Favored in their community. **God added** to their numbers.
- A growing church.

Note: As a believer. How shall we imitate what the Early church was doing?

Is there a formula for church growth?









Review

Name of Book: Acts of the Apostles (Holy Spirit)

Title: “Empowered to Witness”

Acts 1 – Christ’s Appearance for 40 days. Ascension.

- Disciples waited and prayed and fellowship.
- In Jerusalem

Acts 2 - A gathering on Pentecost.

- Peter’s sermon and 3000 came to Christ.
- Birth of the Church.
- Teaching, fellowship, communion, prayers,
wonders and signs by the Apostles.
- A growing and dynamic church.



**Peter and John Healing the Lame Man
Nicolas Poussin (1655)**

A Song

Peter and John went to pray;
they met a lame man on the way.
He asked for alms and held out his palms,
and this is what Peter did say:

"Silver and gold have I none,
but what I have I give to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

He went walking and leaping and praising God,
walking and leaping and praising God.

"In the name of Jesus Christ
of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Acts 3:1-10

Now **Peter and John** were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.

2 And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.

3 Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms.

4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, “**Look at us.**”

5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

6 But Peter said, “I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”

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7 And he **took** him by the right hand and **raised** him up, and immediately his **feet and ankles** were **made** strong.

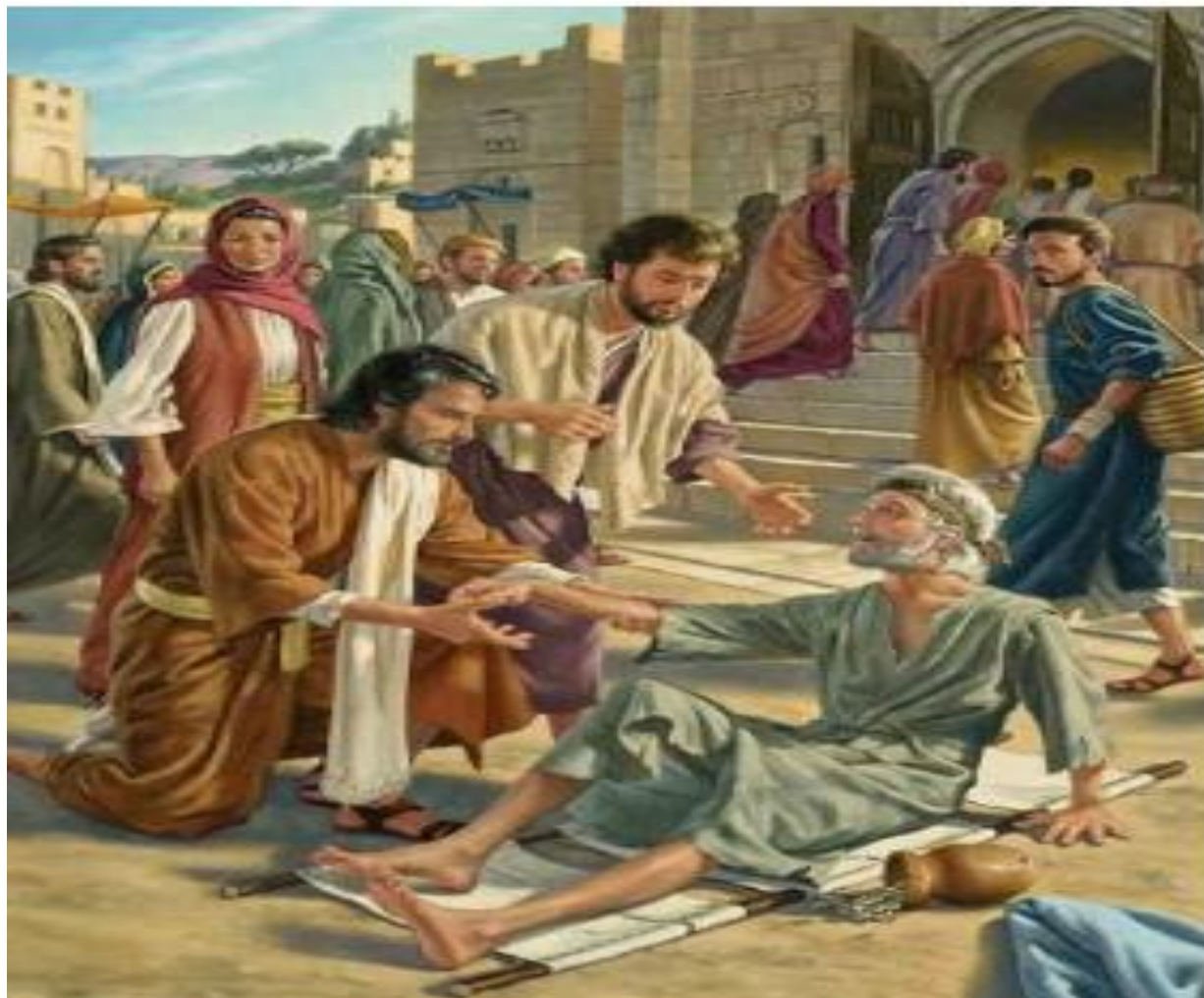
8 And **leaping** up, he **stood** and began to **walk**, and **entered** the temple with them, **walking** and **leaping** and **praising** God.

9 And all **the people** saw him **walking** and **praising** God,

10 and **recognized** him as the one who sat at the **Beautiful Gate** of the temple, asking for alms. And they were **filled** with **wonder** and **amazement** at what had happened to him.

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And **his name**—by **faith** in his name—has made this man strong whom **you see and know**, and the **faith that is through Jesus** has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.







Peter said:

- **Look** at us.
- I have no **silver and gold**
- but what **I do have** I give to
you
- In the **name of Jesus** of
Nazareth, rise up and walk.

Discussion Acts 3:1-10

- 1) What is the Purpose of this miracle of healing.
- 2) Have you witnessed miracles of healing? Can you share your experience?
- 3) Why this beggar? Many beggars around.
- 4) What does Peter and John possess that we also have? Have you used it?
- 5) Any application you can think of?

Acts 3:1-10

Four elements of this miracle (John McArthur)

- Unexpected. Not in response to the man's faith or his seeking. It is the **sovereignty of God**. God's grace.
- In the name of Jesus Christ. By the delegation of His power to Peter and John. This is what Jesus would do. Directing him to Christ.
- Instantaneous healing.
- Complete (v8)

Applications

1) The lame beggar looks for “silver or gold” for his need. It is what the world looks for. But we have something far more valuable to offer. Focus on The name of Jesus. (a medieval age monk and a catholic cardinal)

2) The Holy Spirit directs us to unexpected people or event. Be mindful of the Spirit's leading.

3) Use your spiritual gift(s). - Start with corporate prayer to ask.

Acts 3:11-20 Peter's Sermon

11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.

12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you **wonder** at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.

14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,



Portico of Solomon

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Acts 3:11-20

15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

17 “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

19 Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

Acts 3:21-26

21 whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

22 Moses said, 'The Lord God will raise up for you a prophet like me from your brothers. You shall listen to him in whatever he tells you.

23 And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.'

24 And all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those who came after him, also proclaimed these days.

Acts 3:21-26

25 You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' 26 God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to **bless you** by turning every one of you from your wickedness."

Acts 3:11-26 Peter's sermon

1) 3:11-16 Redirect people's attention away from himself.

Instead, point to **Jesus**.

2) 3:17-19 Conviction of sins and Repent

3) 3:20-21 Good news, Jesus will refresh you

4) 3:22-26 Listen, obey and be blessed

First: Exaltations of Jesus – The Name of Jesus (John Piper)

1. the long-awaited servant of the Lord;(v22)
2. glorified by God; (v13)
3. the Holy and Righteous One; (v14)
4. the Author of Life; and (v15)
5. raised by God from the dead.(v15)

Note: The apostles and many others had seen the risen Lord. They were witnesses about Jesus without any doubt. They **magnify Jesus**. (John Piper sermon on “Jesus’ Name Made This Man Strong”).

Second: Indictments of the People (John Piper)

1. V13 You delivered up to death
2. V13 Denied in the presence of Pilate when he decided to release him
3. V14 You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you. You traded him with a murderer
4. V15 “And you killed the Author of life”. He gave you life and you killed him. A blazing indictment of taking the life of the giver of life and asking for takers of life to be released.

Group Discussion

1) v.12 Peter denies that neither his power or piety healed the lame man. Does his praying and diligent spiritual lifestyle not “piety” that helps the healing? We would think.

2) v.16 mentioned “by faith in His name” this man is healed. Whose faith is it that heal him? (Luke 5:18-20) Who gave this faith? (v16)

3) Can you share an opportunity that God has opened up for you to share the gospels? How do you start an introduction?

Key Verse: Acts 3:16

And **his name**

—by **faith in his name**

—has made this man strong whom you see and know,

and **the faith that is through Jesus** has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

Applications

1) Be sensitive to the Spirit in guidance for gospel opportunities and unexpected events.

2) The Spirit inspired Gospel Message.

- Indictment for repentance.

- Exaltation of Jesus. An effective church must **lift up the Name of Jesus (Jn 12:32).**

3) An effective ministries must be empowered by The Holy Spirit. Something we do have.

We are clay vessels that the Potter uses for His own purposes. (2 Cor 4:7) No room for pride.