

Acts 3:1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer.

² And a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple.

³ And when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he *began* asking to receive alms.

⁴ And Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze upon him and said, "Look at us!"

⁵ And he *began* to give them his attention, expecting to receive something from them.

⁶ But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene-- walk!"

⁷ And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened.

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

⁹ And all the people saw him walking and praising God;

¹⁰ and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to *beg* alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

¹¹ And while he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

¹² But when Peter saw *this*, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"

¹³ "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus, *the one* whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

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

¹⁵ but put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom God raised from the dead, a *fact* to which we are witnesses.

¹⁶ "And on the basis of faith in His name, *it is* the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also.

¹⁸ "But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ should suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

¹⁹ "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

²⁰ and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

²¹ whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

²² "Moses said, 'The Lord God shall raise up for you a prophet like me from your brethren; to Him you shall give heed in everything He says to you.

²³ 'And it shall be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

²⁴ "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

²⁵ "It is you who are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

²⁶ "For you first, God raised up His Servant, and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."

Acts 4:1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard*, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

² being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

³ And they laid hands on them, and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

⁴ But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

⁵ And it came about on the next day, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem;

⁶ and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent.

⁷ And when they had placed them in the center, they *began to* inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people,

⁹ if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,

¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

¹¹ "He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, *but* which became the very corner *stone*.

¹² "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

¹³ Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and *began* to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

¹⁵ But when they had ordered them to go aside out of the Council, they *began* to confer with one another,

¹⁶ saying, "What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

¹⁷ "But in order that it may not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any man in this name."

¹⁸ And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

²⁰ for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard."

²¹ And when they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which they might punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened;

²² for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.