

VIRAL

HOW THE GOSPEL SPREAD THEN AND NOW

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Acts 3:1-21

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, Aug 28
Sunday, Aug 31

Introduction

notes

Acts 3:1-21 ESV

3 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.
2And 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. 3Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6But 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!?" 7And he took him by the right and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. 9And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10and 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.

Jesus cares about the 3000 and the 1.

A new focus, "How do I become the greatest in the Kingdom?" to "How can I help the least enter the Kingdom?"

11While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico and called Solomon's. 12And 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? 13The 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.

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

¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And 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.

Healing comes from Jesus: the glorified Servant, Holy and Righteous One, and Author of Life.

Jesus' miracles do not show off the fact of His power; they reveal the redemptive purpose of His power.

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

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

Benefits of repentance; our sins are blotted out, times of refreshing, and restoration. (healing)

GROUP DISCUSSION

Viral: How the Gospel Spread Then and Now.

GateWay Church of Visalia, Pastor Lance Ainsworth, Acts 3:1-21

August 28th & 31st, 2025

A Miracle and a Message.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What is your favorite thing about the fall season?

Read Aloud: Acts 3:1-21

1. v. 4-6 “ 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!” Peter and John have probably walked by this lame man many times, why was it different this time? Do you think God still heals? Why or why not?

2. v. 8 “And leaping up, he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.” Where does our praise come from? How do you express gratitude to God for physical or spiritual healing in your life?

3. v. 19-21 “ 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, 21whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago. Which of the three benefits of repentance listed below stick out to you and why?

Benefits of repentance: that our sins are blotted out, times of refreshing, and restoration? (healing)