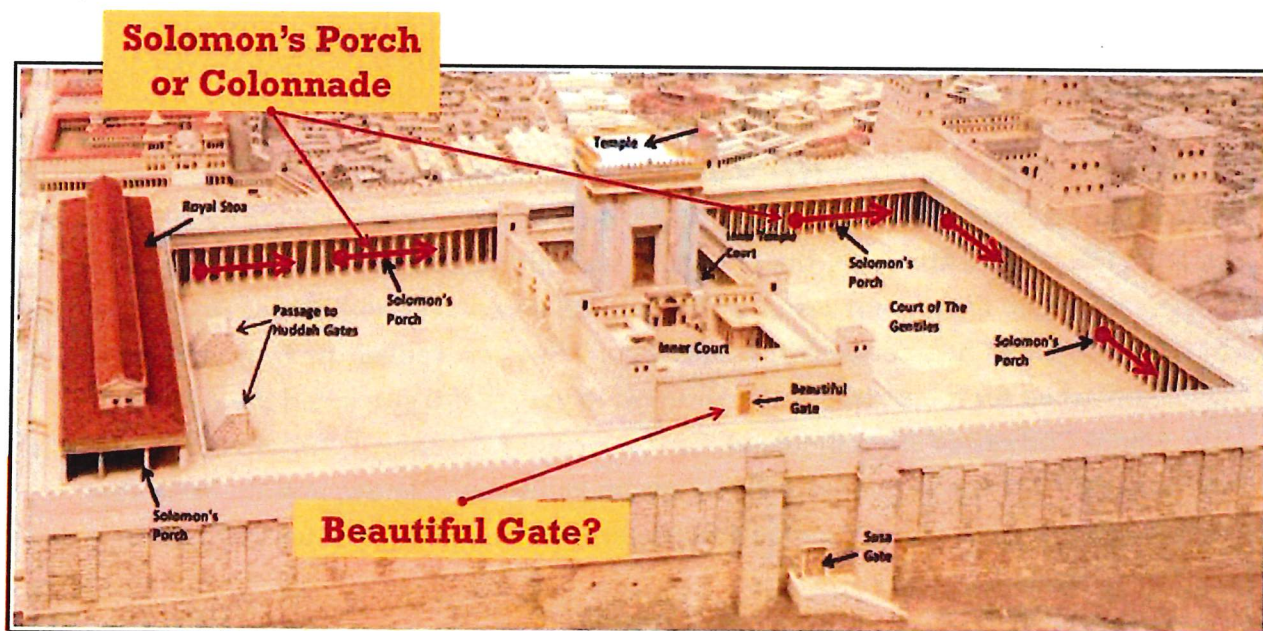
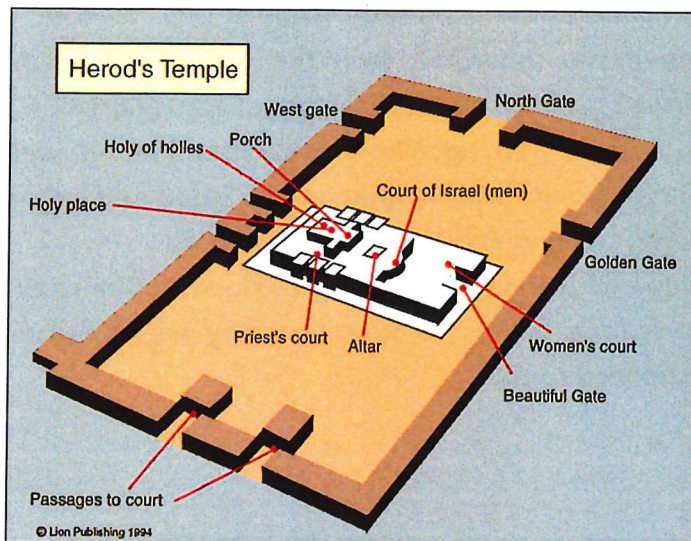


Acts 3

The 1st Miracle and a Challenge

Outline of Chapter 3:

1. Miracle (vs 1-16)
2. A Challenge (vs 12-20)
3. An Explanation (vs 20-26)



THE MIRACLE (vs 1-16)

The Lame Beggar Healed

³ 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!" 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.

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

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

THE CHALLENGE (vs 12-20)

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, 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.

5 Exaltations of Jesus	4 Indictments of Israelites	Good News for Israelites
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Long awaited servant of God 2. Glorified by God 3. Holy & Righteous One 4. Author of Life 5. Raised by God from the dead 	<p>You did these terrible things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Delivered up God's servant 2. Denied Jesus' truth & word (went even farther than Pilate) 3. Traded infinite righteousness & holiness for a murderer 4. Killed author of life 	<p>Repent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sins blotted out • Receive refreshing from His presence <p>2,000 people were converted (Acts 4:4)</p>

Peter's 2 Points:

Point #1

God fulfills his promises DESPITE (and even THROUGH) the opposition of ignorant people. They were people not in synch with God. In fact, were opposing God

Jesus HAD to suffer.

- That penalty of suffering & death is what HAD to happen to rescue us from the wrath of God, which we deserve. Suffering was sufficient to propitiate God for the sin we keep on committing.

Point #2

Repent; receive forgiveness & refreshment

"Jesus isn't suffering day after day for your sin. He sits triumphantly at the right hand of God and has won the final and decisive victory for you. If constant lamenting over your sin could actually help you atone for it, then it would be a noble act. However, since there is nothing to be added to your salvation and your agony contributes nothing to your salvation or sanctification, then you are free to walk through life with confidence in your forgiveness. Godly sorrow for sin does not lead to self-condemnation and attempts to atone for your sins through acts of penance. Godly sorrow leads to repentance, which leads us to the cross. There we see, once again, the beautiful sufficiency of our marvelous Savior. Godly sorrow leads us on to a big party, another glorious celebration of the truth of the gospel."

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THE EXPLANATION (vs 20-26)

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, 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. 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."

Genesis 12: 1-3

The Abrahamic Covenant

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

	OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
	1 st STAGE OF FULFILLMENT (temporary; pictures; foreshadowing)	GREATER/ETERNAL FULFILLMENT (No plot of real estate)
LAND	Canaan (Originally good land but, ultimately, became corrupt, defiled and faded away)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavenly country that still awaits us (New Heaven & New Earth) • ...an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. (1 Pet 1:4)
OFFSPRING	Nation of Israel (ethnic Israel)	<p>Christians (Jew or Gentile) And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. (Gal 3:29)</p> <p>The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well (Rom 4:11)</p>