

ACTS

CHAPTER 3:1-26

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TITLE:

“THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL”

THEME:

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and “**you shall be witnesses to Me**” in **Jerusalem**, and in all **Judea and Samaria**, and to the **end of the earth.**“

The Book of Acts

How Jesus continues His ministry in the world - through His people.

In this Organism called...

The Church

Matthew 16:18

I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The Source Behind The Church

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

I.) The Power *in the Healing* vv. 1-11

The Jewish day began on the

*“first” hour or at 6:00 am gentile time. The **third** hour was 9:00 am. gentile time. The **sixth** hour was 12:00 noon, The **ninth** hour was 3:00 pm. and the day ended on the **twelve** hour or at 6:00 pm. when the first three stars appear in the evening sky*

Vega, • Deneb, • Altair

The Ninth Hour of Prayer

Was the traditional, hour of prayer

This is when the priest would go to the Golden Altar of Incense and burn the incense before the Lord as the people prayed to God.

The Daily Prayer

(15 min. worship, 30 min. petition 15 thanksgiving)

Verse 2

A certain man,

one out of the crowd of beggars who were placed in position

The gate Beautiful.

The Eastern gate of the Temple buildings. Pillars made of Corinthian bronze.

Josephus writes that this gate was the most beautiful by far!!!

Verse 4

fixing or fastening GRK *the word means to be glued on to something, to be set to.*

Look at Us!

Volairie,

a veteran of the Soviet, Afghani war, holding out a cup.

this verse came to mind

Verse 6

Thomas Aquinas summoned to the Vatican.

Where the Pope showed him the Vatican treasury saying - "no longer shall we say 'silver & gold have I none'. Aquinas responded- "Nor can you say in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk"

Peter & John had nothing... but the power of God

Verse 7

received strength GRK *Medical Terminology, to align and to set back in joint.*

Verse 8

A Picture of Humanity

For over 40 yrs. (Acts 4:22) he was out of joint, the feet were not connected to the rest of the body, He couldn't walk if he wanted to.

UP UNTIL THIS MOMENT

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye... we shall be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:52

A Picture of Humanity

The feet are not connected to the legs. The head was not connected to the heart, The heart is disconnected from the emotions, the emotions blowing wild in the wind. i.e. a basket-case

A Man and the World

- a. **he was born blind.** *all are born blind*
- b. **he could not walk.** *none of us can walk*
- c. **he was outside the temple.** *We are all alienated*
- d. **he was a beggar.** *From toy to toy never satisfied.*

Verse 8

The man's conduct shows great change!

The Obvious physical healing as well as a spiritual healing

Discipleship 1a

The Characteristics of True Conversion

- Verse 7 *He's open and receptive to change because **he's in need***
- Verse 8 *He's instantly, **miraculously changed***
- Verse 8 *He enters the temple for fellowship **with Gods people***
- Verse 8 *How He enters, **Praising & Worshipping God***
- Verse 9 *His walk is a contrast New Birth, **totally different***
- Verse 10 *His walk, life made others **to be in wonder & amazement***

wonder GRK **thambos (tham'-bos)**
breathless, to be left speechless

amazement GRK **ek'stasis (ek'-stasis)** ENG **ecstasy**
a displacement of the mind, bewildered, trance.

- Verse 11 *His world of influence were **GREATLY AMAZED***

Verse 11

*We've seen the change, **NOW EXPLAIN TO US HOW.***

"GREATLY AMAZED"

Is not always in a Positive Mood

it could be expressed in questions, testing or by personal attack

Matthew 10:36

"and a man's enemies will be those of his own household.

NOTE,

*the command was given by **Peter** to*

“Rise-up & Walk”

the ability was given by God to walk

*There is no
greater witness to the presence of Jesus in the world today
Then The Power of a changed life*

And I will put My Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. -*Ezekiel 36:27*

II.) The Power *in the Preaching* vv. 12-26

*The miracle was used as an opportunity to preach about
The Person & the Meaning behind it.*

Verse 12

Danger Zone being used by God

Psalm 115:1
Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but to Your name give glory,

Verse 13-14

The Jewish Audience was Struck

“His Servant...”

led them directly to the prophecies of Isaiah & Psalms *That you would recognize Him by not being able to recognize Him...* His beard was to be torn off the face, that He was to be mutilated beyond the appearance of a human.

Verse 14

Wait a minute Peter, as I remember, you did a pretty good job of denying Jesus yourself just a couple weeks ago.

Peter Turned Back To The Lord

His repentance restored fellowship again

Verse 15

You killed the Giver, Originator, Author of Life.
a paradoxical statement

Verse 16

is the response to the question of verse 12 ... Why?

It's not having Faith in Faith,

but Faith in Him "If you just had enough faith brother" having trust & reliance upon the authority that is in His name.

*This is how the miracle was "promoted"
both Peter & the man had faith in Jesus*

Colossians 1:16-17

For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. :17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold form or shape).

A Miracle

is the interruption of natural laws, by a higher, supernatural law.
A Higher Order of Mechanics

A Miracle

is what God may choose to do at any given time to reveal...
His Purpose,
His Desire,
His Will

Verse 17

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Jesus' prayer was here answered... 5,000 will be saved.

important point, it was their ignorance of the Bible that led them to kill God's Son. (The Prophets foretold it would happen... but that fact never removed their responsibility - God's foreknowledge)

Verse 18

Turn nationally and repent and blessing will come. it appears that this is one more call to Israel national to repent.

Psalm 103:12

As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

Verse 19

repent (*to change the mind*) **therefore and be converted** (*to turn*)

Change your thinking **& Turn** to God

Our responsibility is to Change the mind & Turn

- 1.) The goal is, **Conversion**
- 2.) The result is **Salvation**
On the grounds of the cross.

Unless we turn from our sins we cannot possess

saving faith in Christ. many self-proclaimed Christians are not Christians at all because they have never repented from their sins. they go to church, sing & serve and are yet not "converted" because they have never "repented"

Paul's goal in preaching was to produce converts
i.e. Acts 20:17-(21)

Acts 20:21

I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

Verse 24

prophecy is to qualify "**the message & the messenger**"

Jesus,

who is the sum of all prophecy, the prophets pointed toward him,
beginning at Moses.

2 Peter 1:19

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark :20 knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of *any private interpretation,*

Jesus in the middle

which simply means that when you read the Bible, you look for Jesus in the middle of **every book, every chapter, every verse, line upon line and precept upon precept.**

Hebrews 10:7

Behold, I have come--and in the volume of the book it is written of Me...

Are you an <i>atheist</i> today	why	God is <i>Real</i>
Are you a <i>Muslim</i> today	why	God is <i>Love</i>
Are you an <i>agnostic</i> today	why	God is <i>knowable</i>
Are you a <i>Satanist</i> today	why	God is <i>Power</i>
Are you a <i>Jehovah witness</i> today	why	God is <i>Jesus</i>
Are you a <i>Mormon</i> today	why	God is <i>One</i>

John 5:38-39

And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not. :39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.

John 4:14

**"whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him *will never thirst.*
But the water that I shall give him will become in him
a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."**

Verse 26

Jesus was sent to Israel first... in the Flesh... REJECTED

Jesus was sent to Israel first... in the Spirit... REJECTED

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.