



Title | The Story of One
Series | THE CHURCH THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
Text | Acts 3:1-26
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Sermon Notes

Acts 3:1 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. **11** While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. . . . *ESV*

Big Idea:

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Acts 3:8

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For Reflection & Application:

Monday:

Read Acts 3:1-26. What happens to the man lame from birth? Is this just about physical healing, or is there more to it? How do we know?

Tuesday:

If the man lame from birth in Acts 3 does indeed present a physical picture of spiritual reality, then which aspects of spiritual reality are represented? In other words, in what sense is his story our story?

Wednesday:

According to Acts 3:8, the healed man is “leaping.” The original Greek word for “leaping” is an uncommon word that appears in only two other places in the New Testament: Acts 14:8-10 (a lame man “sprang up”) and John 4:14 (water is “welling up”). The word also appears in Isaiah 35:6 describing a future messianic era. What is the connection between all these references?

Thursday:

Read Isaiah 52:13-54:6. In light of this, what is the significance of Peter calling Jesus a “servant” in Acts 3:13 and 26?

Friday:

In Acts 3:1-4:4. What effect did bringing life to just one man born lame have on others? Can you give a modern example of how bringing life to just one person ended up bringing life to others? What encouragement does this give us today?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, thank you for the marvelous way you brought new life to me. Help me this day to bring life to one other person, trusting that, according to your love and power, you will use it to bring life to others. Amen.