

**THE LORD JESUS CHRIST'S CHURCH**  
**IV. Curing the Lame Man on Sohlohmōn's Porch**  
**mid Siván (early June), A.D. 33      Acts 3:1-12a**

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**Introduction:**

After that great eventful day of Pentecost, Luke recorded that the regenerated disciples persevered in the Temple from day to day (Acts 2:46). The next recorded event took place in the Temple in an unspecified number of days thereafter. There are four facts that need to be considered concerning this miracle. The Entrance to The Temple; The Encounter with The Lame Beggar; The Effect of The Miracle; and The Expedience of The Miracle.

**I. The Entrance to The Temple (Acts 3:1,2);**

“<sup>1</sup>Now Peter and John, when-ascending<sup>[aor. ptc.]</sup> unto the Temple at the hour of-the prayer-time<sup>[gen. tm.]</sup>, namely the ninth<sup>[3:00 P.M.]</sup> |hour|. <sup>2</sup>And a-certain man<sup>[husband]</sup> existing lame out-of his mother's womb<sup>[cavity]</sup> was-being-borne<sup>[on-some-person(s)]</sup>, whom they-were-repeatedly-laying-down <sup>[distr. *κατά*]</sup>from-day-to-day <sup>[loc. *πρός*]</sup>at-the-door of-the Temple which is-termed<sup>[being-said]</sup>, Beautiful, in-order-to-petition a-merciful-donation from-alongside the-ones making-entrance into the Temple” (Acts 3:1,2 APT).

**A. When? The Time of Peter and John's Entrance (v. 1).**

Although no specific date is recorded as to this next event, an unspecified number of days is very likely nine or eleven days after the previous event (note the chart of “**Days Numerically Described from A Chronological Harmony of The New Testament**” on the website at [www.happyheralds.org](http://www.happyheralds.org)).

Since no specific day of this event is recorded by Luke, it is reasonable to consider that an unspecified number of days transpired between Pentecost and this event. Since Luke specified numbers of days up to half a month, then forty and fifty days, unspecified numbers of days were either nine, eleven, or thirteen, it is likely that more than a week and less than two weeks passed since Pentecost. This would place the time of this event in late Síván (early June), A.D. 33.

The entrance into the Temple by Peter and John was the hour of prayer, which was the ninth hour or 3:00 P.M.

B. Where? The Location (v. 1). Firstly, it was at The Beautiful Gate of The Temple between The Rampart and The Women's Court.

C. Who? The Men Involved (v. 2). There were three men involved.

1. Peter, the oldest son of Jonah (**Yōnáhs**) and brother to Andrew. Peter acted as spokesman for the twelve disciples.
2. John, youngest son of **Zehbehdaióhs** (Zebedee) and lived the longest of the the twelve disciples, accompanied Peter. These two, Peter and John are the two that The Lord Jesus sent to prepare The Passover Supper (Lk. 22:8).
3. An unnamed beggar, lame from birth, who had to be carried, was repeatedly taken day by day to the door of the Temple called Beautiful. There he repeatedly petitioned merciful donations from the ones entering into the women's court of the Temple.

## II. The Encounter with The Lame Beggar (Acts 3:3-5);

“<sup>3</sup>Who, when-beholding<sup>[aor. ptc.]</sup> Peter and John about to-pass-in<sup>[be-in]</sup>, into the Temple, he-kept-repeatedly-asking-for a-merciful-donation. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter, after-staring at him together-with <sup>4</sup>John, said, Look at us! <sup>5</sup>Then he-was-taking-heed-to-them, eagerly-expecting to-receive something from-alongside them” (Acts 3:3-5 APT).

As Peter and John, after entering the Court of the Gentiles on the eastern side, approached and mounted the steps to the rampart surrounding The Temple and came to The Beautiful Gate, where The the 40+ year old (Acts 4:22), lame beggar was sitting to confront all those who entered. He repeatedly asked for a donation. What is Peter and John going to do? They are confronted with a problem and an unexpected encounter. This man expected a monetary donation. But they had no money. However in late A.D. 31-32 the disciples spent three months travelling from **Kahpehrnah-oúm**, the site of His residence (Mt. 4:13) to proclaim the repentance Gospel of The Kingdom of Heaven to Israel's house and healed many unhealthy ones with the authority that The Lord Jesus Christ gave to them before journeying (Mk. 6:12,13). At this time it was The God's timing that such an opportunity faced them.

However, Peter and John had something that the lame beggar did not have. They had forgiveness of sins, Eternal Life, redemption, salvation, regeneration, and Holy Spirit power. No doubt but most of us have been approached by a beggar demanding money. What shall we do when such opportunity faces us? If we have been redeemed and regenerated we have what Peter and John had to offer. So we can and should do what they did and take advantage of every unexpected encounter and present the Truth of The Gospel.

According to Luke's narrative this lame man was carried to this Beautiful Gate every day for some time without being seen. But at this time it was according to The God's timing that he should be facing Peter and John at this precise hour, 3:00 P. M.

Now, after staring at the lame beggar, Peter spoke, Look at us! In response, the lame beggar looked and expected a donation, when Peter spoke again.

### III. The Effect of The Miracle (Acts 3:6-10);

“<sup>6</sup>Then Peter said, Silver-money and gold is- not -existing with-me, but what I-am-having, I-give this- to-you<sup>S</sup>, [formula ]On-the-basis-of the name of-Jesus Christ, The Nazarene[**Nahzōraiohs**, a native of Nazareth], [aor. mid. imp.]arise-of-yourself at once! and continually walk! <sup>7</sup>And after-clasping him [partitive gen., ATR, p. 508]by-the right-hand, he-raised- |him| -up. Then instantly his /stepping and /ankle bones [aor. ing. pass.]became-made-firm. <sup>8</sup>And he-leaped-up and stood. And he-began-continually-walking. And he-entered together-with them into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising The God. <sup>9</sup>And all the people[same race and lang.] beheld him walking and praising The God. <sup>10</sup>And they recognized[fully knew from exp.] him,[**ὁτι**] ‘This-one<sup>+</sup> was the-one<sup>+</sup> sitting for[**πρὸς**] the merciful-donation at[**πρὸς**] Beautiful[**Ἡρακλεῖαν**], the gate of the Temple!’ And they-were-filled with-astonishment and ecstasy at what[art. as pm.] had-come-about[come-together] to-him.”

#### A. The Miracle of Healing (vs. 6d-8).

##### 1. Peter’s Response to the Lame Beggar (v. 6).

Firstly, Peter Uttered His Financial Inability to meet the request (v. 6a). “Silver-money and gold is not existing with-me.” But He quickly added, “but what I am having, I give this to you.” He was willing to give something much more important, much more valuable, and much more lasting than money. We, who have been redeemed by The Lord Jesus Christ and regenerated by The Holy Spirit have something much more important, much more valuable, and much more lasting than money to give those who ask. This beggar was ready to listen, exercise faith, and receive. Unfortunately many today are not ready to do any of these three, so we must be ready to hear disdainful language and demands.

Additionally Peter had a command to proclaim The True Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ and he took this encounter as an opportunity to comply in obedience. We, who have been redeemed by The Lord Jesus Christ and regenerated by The Holy Spirit also have the same command that Peter and John had. Are we taking advantage of every opportunity and unexpected encounter.

Secondly, Peter Utilized his Ability (v. 6b-e). He had The Enabling Holy Spirit with all His Power and authority and the basis of the name of The Lord Jesus Christ dwelling within him to provide him the ability to meet the need of the hour, if only Peter would yield and act in unreserved faith to avail himself of this in this situation. Peter did just that. He told the lame beggar, “[formula **ἐν**]On-the-basis-of the name of-Jesus Christ, The Nazarene[**Nahzōraiohs**, a native of Nazareth], [aor. mid. imp.]arise-of-yourself-at-once! and continually-walk!”

##### 2. The Miracle Was Performed (vs. 7,8)

Firstly, Peter Uprighted him (v. 7a-c). “And after-clasping him [partitive gen., ATR, p. 508]by-the right-hand, he-raised- |him| -up. Then instantly his /stepping and /ankle bones [aor. ing. pass.]became-made-firm.”

Secondly, from the beggar’s sitting position, Peter lifted him to stand on his legs and feet, which never before could hold him up. Then from his upright position with ankle bones and stepping bones made firm, the cured man leaped-up and stood.

##### 3. The Miracle Was Proven (v. 8). “He began-continually-walking. And he-entered together-with them into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising The God.” (v, 8 APT). He walked hand and hand with Peter and John from the Beautiful Gate, east across the Rampart, descended the steps to the Court of the Gentiles, and across

to **Sohlohmōn's** Porch, which went from one end of The Court of the Gentiles to the other, inside the eastern wall on the Temple Mount. There they stopped as the multitude gathered.

B. **The Multitude's Reaction** (vs. 9-11).

<sup>9</sup>And all the people beheld him walking and praising The God.

<sup>10</sup>And they recognized him, *saying* 'This-one<sup>+</sup> was the-one<sup>+</sup> sitting for the merciful-donation at Beautiful, the gate of the Temple!

<sup>11</sup>Then [pres.tmp.ptcp.] while-the cured lame-one<sup>+</sup> -is-grasping/Peter and John, all the people [same race and lang.], awe-struck-ones<sup>+</sup>, ran-together to [the face of] them on the porch, the-one being-titled, **Sohlohmōn's** Porch'' (vs. 9-11 APT).

1. The Multitude Recognized Him as the Lame Beggar (vs. 9-10b).

The people in the Temple were quick to recognize the cured-one, praising The God, walking and leaping, while grasping Peter and John hand-in-hand. They realized that he is the one previously sitting and begging for merciful-donations at the Beautiful gate of the Temple. They all were excitedly talking to one another about him and his cure.

Although many translations contain the interchangeable use of the terms heal and cure and the derivatives of each, there is a distinct difference between the two Greek verbs and their derivatives that are often confused in their use in English. The Greek verb *θεραπεύω* (thehrahpeh-ōō) meaning 'to heal' emphasizing the care during the process and *ἰάομαι* (eeáh-ohmai) meaning 'to cure' emphasizing the completed process of compete restoration to normality (cf. Expanded Vines Expository, p. 534; Webster's New International Dictionary, 1925, p. 550). Here the lame beggar did not have a disease or wound from which to be cured, but was born lame abnormally. But as the result of Peter's action, The Lord God completely restored his body to what condition he would be, at that time in the Temple if he had been born without defect and abnormality.

2. The People of the Multitude Were Filled with Astonishment and Ecstasy (v. 11) over what had come about to the lame beggar and followed the trio, the cured lame beggar, while praising The God and walking and leaping hand-in-hand with Peter and John across the Court of the Gentiles to **Sohlohmōn's** Porch.

and lastly:

IV. **The Expedience of The Miracle (Acts 3:11,12a).**

<sup>11</sup>. . . all the people [same race and lang.], awe-struck-ones<sup>+</sup>, ran-together to [the face of] them on the porch, the-one being-titled, <sup>12</sup>And when-beholding [it], Peter responded [answered] to [the face of] the people [same race and lang.]'' (Acts 3: 1-12a APT).

A. The Gathered Multitude (v. 11).

They became awestricken and filled with astonishment and ecstasy. This excitement attracted more people so that it was necessary to withdraw from the court of women, they began running in and across the rampart between the gate into the Temple edifice and descended the steps to the Court of the Gentiles, which extended along the elongated **Sohlohmōn's** Porch with a passage way just inside the eastern outer wall. The result of all the running from the Court of the Gentiles was a gathering together of a multitude of people on **Sohlohmōn's** Porch.

B. **Sohlohmōn's** Porch was a three-sided, walled colonnade on pillars evenly spaced along the entire eastern side of the walled Court of the Gentiles enclosing the Temple edifice. It was large enough to hold about 5000 men plus women at one time (Acts 4:4).

### C. Preparation for Peter's Second Sermon (v. 12).

All of this that transpired was brought about by The God working through His Holy Spirit on behalf of Peter and John, who had to yield to Him and take advantage of His working to perform through them that which resulted in Salvation, Redemption, Eternal Life and Sanctification of new members being added to The Church.

He can and will do the same through His disciples today if only we will completely yield and put into practice in our lives all That The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded in His Word, The Scriptures.

#### **Conclusion:**

Today we considered Peter's Encounter with the lame beggar cured at The Beautiful Gate of The Temple in less than two weeks after Pentecost and the descent of The Holy Spirit upon the disciple-saints of The Newborn Church on Earth. We noted four facts about this encounter: **I. The Entrance to The Temple; II. The Encounter with The Lame Beggar; III. The Effect of The Miracle; and IV. The Expedience of The Miracle.**

**I. The Entrance to The Temple.** In considering this, the time that it took place and the men involved were noted. Firstly as to when the Encounter took place, it was at the hour of prayer at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The Location was at The Beautiful Gate of The Temple between The Rampart and The Women's Court. The men involved were Peter, the oldest son of Jonah (**Yōnāhs**) and brother to Andrew, John, youngest son of **Zehbehdaiōhs** (Zebedee), who lived the longest of the the twelve disciples and accompanied Peter. An unnamed beggar, who was lame from birth and had to be carried, was repeatedly taken day by day to the door of the Temple called Beautiful. There he repeatedly petitioned merciful donations from the ones entering into The Women's Court of the Temple.

**II. The Encounter with The Lame Beggar.** After Peter and John ascended the seven steps to the Rampart, they approached the Beautiful gate into the Temple edifice. A lame beggar was sitting there and repeatedly asking for donations from all who entered. The God's hand was in the timing that faced them to give them the opportunity to present The Gospel of The Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **III. The Effect of The Miracle of Healing.**

First, Peter uttered his financial inability to meet the request by saying, "Silver-money and gold is not existing with-me." But He quickly added, "but what I am having, I give this to you." He was willing to give something much more important, much more valuable, and much more lasting than money. So he utilized his ability and reached forth his hand to clasp the lame man's hand, while saying, "On-the-basis-of the name of-Jesus Christ, The Nazarene [**Nahzōraiohs**, a-native of-Nazareth], arise-of-yourself-at-once! and continually-walk!" (Acts 3:6). Then Peter raised up the lame one to stand upright on his feet. Instantly his stepping and ankle bones became-made-firm. Then he leaped up and began walking hand in hand with Peter and John while praising The God. The descended the few steps from the Rampart, and then crossed the Court of The Gentiles to **Sohlohmōn's** Porch

The multitude of people in the Temple were quick to recognize him as the lame beggar previously sitting and begging for merciful-donations at the Beautiful gate of the Temple and they were excitedly talking to one another about him and his cure. At that time the awe-stricken, astonished, and ecstatic multitude followed and gathered around facing the three men on **Sohlohmōn's** Porch.

#### **IV. The Expedience of The Miracle**

All of this, the confrontation, the beggar born blind sitting at The Beautiful Gate, his begging, his meeting Peter and John, his curing of his birth abnormality, all that transpired that day was brought about by The God working through His Holy Spirit on behalf of Peter and John. All because they had completely yielded to The Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit and took full advantage of His working in and in behalf of them to perform through them that which resulted in Salvation, Redemption, Eternal Life and Sanctification of new members being added to The Church including the lame beggar. Thus the multitude was prepared to listen to Peter proclaim The God's Truth to them. Just as The God expects the same response of His disciple-saints today to take full advantage of all His provisions. and propagate The Truth to all whom He prepares to hear it. But we must be prepared by means of being avid and faithful in attending discipleship from another trained disciple regularly and personally studying The God's Word, The Scriptures.

#### **Application:**

What steps do you intend to take to be sure you have been faithful to all that The God expects of all of us to do as indicated in The Scriptures?

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**For next week:** Read and meditate upon: **Peter's Second Sermon to The Gathered Multitude in The Temple** (Acts 3:12-26).