



# acts.

## 3

### when.

- The events in Acts 3 took place between 29-30 A.D.
- We don't have exact dates but it seems likely the events of chapter 3 took place only a

short time after the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

### characters.

- **Peter** – An Apostle, the brother of Andrew.
- **John** – An Apostle, the brother of James.
- **Lame Man** – A man who couldn't walk who sat at the Temple every day asking for alms.
- **Crowd of Jews** – After witnessing a miracle, a group of Jews gathered around Peter and John.

### where.

- The events of chapter 3 occurred in Jerusalem, specifically at the Temple.

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## Reflection & Application

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## outline.

- PETER AND JOHN HEAL A LAME MAN (3:1-10):
  - + John and Peter visited the Temple and a lame beggar asked them for charity.
  - + Peter told him they didn't have any money but would give him something better.
  - + Peter healed the man's legs in the name of Jesus of Nazareth.
  - + The man went leaping and worshipping into the Temple and was recognized by many of the Jews who frequented the Temple.
- PETER PREACHES TO A CROWD IN THE TEMPLE (3:11-26):
  - + Those who witnessed the miracles were astonished and many of them gathered around Peter and John.
  - + Peter told the people the power they had just witnessed was not his but that of Jesus, the Christ, who they had recently rejected and killed on the cross.
  - + The people killed Jesus because of their ignorance, but in doing so, they fulfilled the word's of the prophets that the Christ would suffer.
  - + Peter told the people to repent so their sins could be "blotted out."
  - + He told them Moses had prophesied about the Messiah in Deuteronomy 18:18-19.
  - + He told them Jesus was the fulfillment of the promise God made to Abraham that in his offspring all the nations of the earth would be blessed (Genesis 22:18).
  - + Jesus was the blessing all the Jews didn't know they needed, Peter helped them understand by connecting Jesus' life to the ancient promises of God.

## application.

- Our service for God is for God's glory, not ours.
- Peter shows that he understood this when he deflected the attention he received on to Jesus.
- When we receive attention for doing something good in our Christian walk, we need to use it as an opportunity to point people to Jesus.
- Don't use your good works to steal glory from God.
- We are God's servants, bought by the blood of Jesus, and we don't have anything to boast about, other than the greatness of the God who saved us!