

## Acts 3

EMC Wednesday Night Bible Study - 11-30-16

### Context

- I. Introduction
  - A. Introduction to Luke (Luke 1:1-4)
  - B. Introduction to Acts (Acts 1:1-5)
- II. In Jerusalem (1:6-6:7)
  - A. Waiting for Pentecost (1:6-26)
  - B. The Day of Pentecost (2:1-47)
  - C. The outbreak of persecution (3:1-4:31)**
  - D. Satanic counter-attack (4:32-6:7)

### The Outbreak of Persecution

From peace to persecution

- Chapters 1-2 the chief actor is the Holy Spirit
- Chapters 3-6 the chief actor is Satan

Identical flow in chs. 3-4 as in ch. 2

- Miraculous event (2:1-13; 3:1-10) + Sermon from Peter (2:14-36; 3:11-26) + The consequences

Section outline:

- 3:1-10 - A cripple is healed
- 3:11-26 - Peter's second sermon
- 4:1-22 - The council arrests the apostles
- 4:23-31 - The church turns to God in prayer

### 3:1-10 - A Cripple is Healed

V. 1 - "at the ninth hour" - 3pm, following the evening sacrifice

V. 2 - "Beautiful Gate" - wain eastern entrance into the temple from the Court of the Gentiles. 75 feet high, huge double doors, covered in brass

Details - Luke the doctor

- V. 2 - "lame from his mother's womb" - a \_\_\_\_\_ disease
- 3:42 - over 40 years old
- V. 2 - so severely handicapped he could not walk
- Vv. 3-4 - asking for alms, but not looking at the apostles
- V. 6 - "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"
- V. 7a - "And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up"
  - A gesture of \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Luke 8:54)
- V. 7b - "immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened"
  - Not just a healing of a congenital problem, but of 40+ years of inactivity and atrophy
- V. 8 - "With a leap...he entered the temple...leaping" - cf. Isa. 35:6
- V. 9 - crowd witnessed him "walking" (3x mentioned)

### 3:11-26 - Peter's Second Sermon

V. 12 - begins by ascribing the event to \_\_\_\_\_

V. 13 - \_\_\_\_\_ with the Old Testament - Jesus as fulfillment

Vv. 13-15 - The Jew's fourfold rejection of Christ:

- V. 13 - you "delivered" him over to be killed
- V. 13 - you "disowned" him
- V. 14 - you "disowned the Holy and Righteous One"
- V. 15 - you "put to death the Prince of life"
  - Ἀρχηγὸν (archegon) - "prince" (NASB), originator, author, leader

Significant titles:

- V. 6 - Jesus Christ of Nazareth (Cf. Luke 22:59 - denied him as a "Galilean")
- V. 13 - God's "servant" who suffered (v. 18) and was then glorified (v. 26; cf. 4:27) - Isa. 52:13ff.
- V. 14 - "the Holy and Righteous One" - In contrast to Barabbas and Pilate
- V. 22 - "prophet" foretold by Moses
- 4:11 - rejected stone who became the cornerstone
- Servant, Christ, Holy One, Righteous One, source of life, Prophet, Stone - his \_\_\_\_\_

Challenge of repentance

- The requirement of repentance:
  - V. 17 - "you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also" (cf. Luke 23:34)
  - V. 18 - fulfillment of prophecy.
  - Neither their ignorance nor God's predictions \_\_\_\_\_ them. They must "repent and turn to God" (v. 19)
- Three blessings that follow repentance:
  - V. 19b - "that your sins may be wiped away" - Ἐξαλειφῶ (exaleipho) - "wash off, erase, obliterate"
  - V. 19c - "that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord"
    - The positive counterpart to wiping away
    - He replaces our sins with a refreshment of our spirits
  - V. 20 - "that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you" - fullness at his return

Vv. 22-25 - 3 Prophetic strands come together (Moses, Samuel and his successors, and Abraham)

<b>Messianic Prophecy</b>	<b>OT Reference</b>	<b>NT Fulfillment</b>
Descended from David	Ps. 132:11	Acts 2:30
Suffered and died as God's servant	Isa. 53	Acts 2:23; 3:18
Stone the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone	Ps. 118:22	Acts 4:11
God raised him from the dead	Isa. 52:13	Acts 2:25ff.
Death could not hold him, God would not abandon to decay	Ps. 16:8ff.	Acts 2:24, 27, 31
God exalted him to his right hand to wait for final triumph	Ps. 110:1	Acts 2:34-35
His Spirit would be poured out	Joel 2:28ff.	Acts 2:16ff.
The gospel would be preached worldwide	Isa. 57:19	Acts 2:39
He would be opposed	Ps. 2:1ff.	Acts 4:25-26
People must listen to him or suffer the consequences	Dt. 18:18-19	Acts 3:22-23
Those who listen will receive the blessing promised to Abraham	Gen. 12:3; 22:18	Acts 3:25-26

