

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Lesson #3 -Healing of the Lame Man

Scripture Reading: Acts 3:1-10

Introduction:

1. E.g. -Cell phone video covering news stories.
2. We must respond to the evidence that has been provided in the Scriptures.
3. From Acts 3, we will examine the healing, the preaching, and the proper response.

I. THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN

A. The Expectation

1. The man lame from birth was laid at the gate of the temple -3:2
2. When he saw Peter and John, he expected to receive something from them.

B. Beyond Expectation

1. Peter told him to rise up and walk
 - a. He did this in the name of “Jesus Christ of Nazareth” -3:6
 - b. It is the authority of Jesus that provided the healing -Ref. 3:16
2. The healing was complete -3:8-10
 - a. He leaped up
 - b. He was walking, leaping, and praising God
 - c. This left the crowd wondering what happened to this man- 3:10

II. PETER'S SERMON (Choose Life)

A. He makes the transition

1. The lame man was healed by the power of Christ, not the apostles -3:12-16
2. It was this crowd that cried out to crucify Christ -3:13

B. They chose death over life

1. They wanted Barabbas released to them -Lk 23:18-25
2. They wanted the “Prince of Life” to be crucified
 - a. Moses presented both death and life before the people -De 30:19, 20
 - b. Today, people still choose death over the “Prince of Life”

C. Peter's instructions

1. They needed to know they performed out of ignorance -3:17, 18; Ref. 1Co 2:8
2. Now, they needed to repent -3:19-21
3. The prophets had been predicting their days for centuries -3:22-24
4. To obtain life, they must submit unto the will of Christ
5. They have the first opportunity to do so -3:25, 26

Conclusion: (Our lesson)

1. We have the eye witness accounts that Jesus is alive, well, and still in control!
2. Even though we cannot see Jesus nor the miracles performed in the first century, we can know the authenticity of the resurrection through the eye witness accounts we have before us.