

THE HEALING OF THE LAME MAN – ACTS 3

INTRODUCTION: From the power of the Upper Room to the street of _____ need.
“Signs” begin to _____ “those that believe” (Mark 16:17).

I: POWER - 1-11

This cripple is an apt illustration of the _____ sinner:

1. Born lame ... all are born _____
2. He could not walk ... no sinner can walk so as to _____ God
3. Outside the temple ... sinners are outside God’s Temple, the _____
4. Begging ... a sinner is a beggar searching for _____.

The miracle has a two-fold significance:

1. The _____ of the man’s suffering and the _____ of his soul.
2. To prove to the _____ that the Holy Spirit had come with kingdom _____ if they would _____ Christ.

The man’s conduct after the miracle is a challenge to every believer:

1. He entered the temple (v. 8) ... took his _____ with the worshippers.
2. He was not _____ of what Christ had done for him (vs. 9-10).
3. He was such a _____ that the officers had no _____ (4:13-14).

II: PREACHING – 12-26

1. The audience ... partly of temple _____, partly of _____ - _____, including many who were present at the _____ who had shouted “ _____!”
2. Their state of _____ ... “greatly wondering” (v. 11). Ready to be _____. Perhaps filled with _____ over the crucifixion, and therefore _____ lest they had incurred the righteous _____ of God.
3. The subject of discourse ... not the miracle as such, but the _____ of Jesus (vs. 13-16). The miracle falls into its place as a _____ of the Divine _____. It is to the Name of Christ to which all is to be _____.

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4. Heaven would receive and hold Christ until _____ would repent and the “times of restitution” would come (v. 21). This simply means the kingdom Christ will set up when Israel _____ to Him and _____.
5. What about the Gentiles? Verse 25 answers this question –“And in thy seed (Abraham’s) shall _____ the kindreds of the earth be _____.”

III: PERSECUTION - 4:1-4

How did the nation respond?

1. Many of the common people believed and were _____.
2. The rulers had the Apostles _____.
3. The persecution that Christ promised the apostles in John 15:18-16:4 was now _____ place.

CONCLUSION: The “however” in 4:4 is indeed inspiring. Notice how it ties together the persecution with the ongoing blessing and growth of Christ’s Church. If 5,000 men believed, how many total conversions would you suppose took place? _____