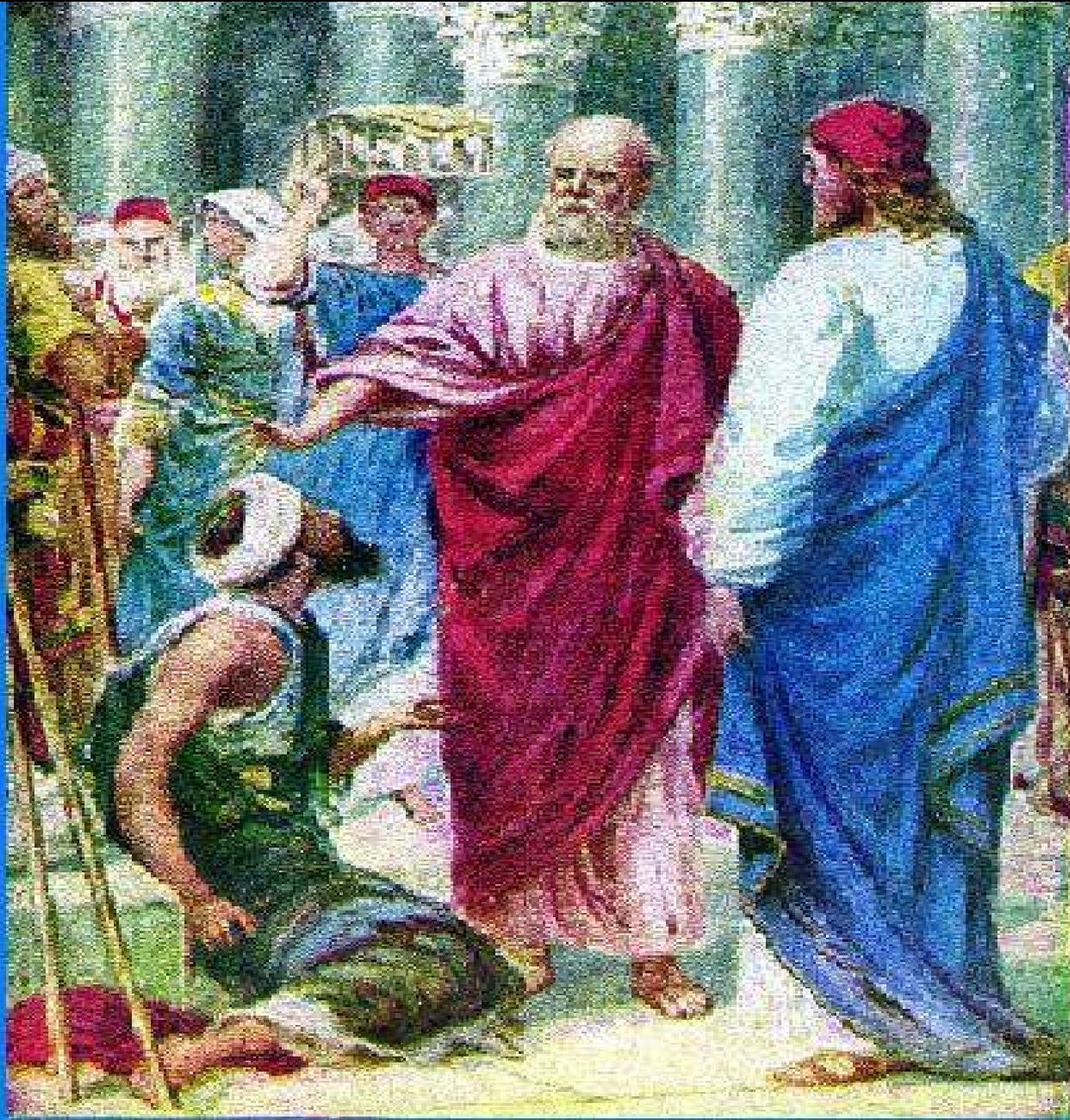


# A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;



## **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**In Acts 2. we saw six important events:-**

**1. The Holy Spirit came upon the apostles as was promised by Jesus.**

**2. Peter explained the miraculous events were a fulfilment of the prophecy written in Joel 2:28-32;**

**3. Peter reminded the people about Jesus of Nazareth.**

# **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**4. The opportunity of forgiveness and salvation, and the promise of the gift of the indwelling Holy Spirit.**

**5. Those who responded to God's grace by faithful obedience continued in worship and serving the Lord.**

**6. The Lord continued to add to the assembly / the kingdom / the family of God / the body of Christ, those who were being saved.**



**A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**The long-promised Kingdom has come.**

**It is also called the called out ones,  
an assembly or congregation.**

**It is a Universal Spiritual Nation  
that has replaced the Nation of Israel  
as God's special people.**

**Jesus' New Covenant has replaced  
the Old Covenant given through Moses.**

**The Apostles are the executors  
of the New Covenant  
under the direction of the Holy Spirit.**

# **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**As we turn to Chapter 3, we are struck by the change of ATMOSPHERE AND MOOD.**

**Acts 2 has been all excitement. Think of all those marvellous, dramatic events, which have recently transpired. The Upper Room. The ARREST of the Lord in Gethsemane.**

**The various mock TRIALS, followed, with great haste, By His CRUCIFIXION and BURIAL. Then the THREE DAYS of intense silence - as if TIME HAD STOOD STILL, when the world waited for something to happen.**

**And then, THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION. The VARIOUS APPEARANCES of the Lord to His followers. The FURTHER TEN DAYS OF WAITING IN THE CITY. And finally, THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

# **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**There had been a SOUND heard all over the city, bringing the crowd together to the house where these men had been meeting.**

**Tongues like FIRE had settled on the Apostles as, they had been OVERWHELMED by the Spirit of God.**

**Then, these two men and the other Apostles had spoken in languages they had never learned, to the astonishment of the people.**

**They had been so EXHILARATED that the people had accused them of being DRUNK! "These men are full of new wine!" There did not seem to be any other explanation For the throb in their voices and the gleam in their eyes!  
THEY ARE DRUNK!**

**There followed the first preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem.  
The First converts - about 3000 of them.**

# **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**The First amazing EXCITEMENT and FELLOWSHIP of the FIRST assembly, with the Lord increasing their number daily.**

**And today, as we turn to ch, 3 - Peter and John are going up to the Temple at the evening hour of prayer.**

**Are you not struck by the startling  
CHANGE OF ATMOSPHERE AND MOOD?  
By the DIFFERENCE BETWEEN chs 2; and 3;?**

**There had been so much to fill their minds and occupy their thoughts. They have lived through such a day, as the world had never seen before. And they have been BUSY!**

**Yet, even the world-shaking events of the Day of Pentecost have not been allowed to jolt Peter and John out of their habit of PRAYER!**

**A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1 to 4:31;**

**Healing of the Crippled Beggar.**

**Acts 3:1-11;**

**Peters SECOND sermon.**

**Acts 3:12-26;**

**Persecution in the Early Church.**

**Spiritual Power in Collision.**

**THE SADUCEES.**

**Acts 4:1-22;**

# **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;**

## **1. A Contrast of Values**

**“One day Peter and John were going up to the Temple at the time of prayer -at three in the afternoon. Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.”**

**Going up to the temple at the time of prayer!  
Carried to the temple every day to beg.**

**What do we do when the values of Jesus  
clash with the values of this world?**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;**

**We need to Learn to focus  
on things of the Kingdom.**

**“Do not allow what you consider good to  
be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God  
is not a matter of eating and drinking,  
but of righteousness, peace and joy  
in the Holy Spirit.” Romans 14:16-17;**

**REMEMBER HE LOVES US  
HAS RESCUED US  
HAS FORGIVEN US AND DELIVERED US.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;**

**“For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”**

**Colossians 1:13-14;**

**REMEMBER THE COST  
OF OUR SALVATION.**

**“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” 1 Peter 1:18-19;**

# **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;**

**1 “Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. 2 And a certain man who had been lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple.”**

**v1 K.J.V. states that  
“PETER AND JOHN WENT UP TOGETHER.”**

**The apostles did not distance  
themselves from Judaism.**

**They saw Christ as the fulfillment of Judaism.**

**A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**  
**They were going to the Temple to ATTEND**  
**A PRAYER MEETING!** - Because that is what it was –  
a meeting for the purpose of prayer and mediation.

There are several very interesting matters,  
in the sight of these two disciples  
attending the time of evening prayer.

I use the word 'disciples' because they were NOT  
going to the Temple as Apostles, but as ordinary devout men.

**First: It is evident that, even though Christ's new family**  
**had been established, the Jewish Christians**  
**did not immediately abandon the Jewish habit of PRAYER,**  
**which they had known all of their lives.**

**This is also revealed in Acts 2:46; "Daily in the Temple."**

They continued to make use of both the Temple  
and Synagogue, until these places were closed to them,  
until they were excommunicated.

## **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

**It is obvious that they did NOT feel that they were compromising themselves, or their faith, by attending these places; and we may be sure that they took every opportunity that presented itself, of telling people about Jesus.**

**If there is a lesson for us in this, it is that we ALSO should make use of every opportunity of Preaching the Gospel.**

**But the early Christians did NOT avoid Temple and Synagogue, although things would be said and done in those places, which they knew, were obsolete or erroneous. **They went where the people were and they made the most of the opportunity.****

**Second:** The sight of these two - Peter and John – going to the PRAYER- time together helps us to realize that **PRAYER BRINGS PEOPLE CLOSER TOGETHER.** **KJV. states that PETER AND JOHN WENT UP TOGETHER.**

You know, of course, that, so far as their characters – their temperaments - were concerned, **PETER WAS NOT JOHN and JOHN WAS NO PETER!**

These two were about as **DIFFERENT** as they could possibly be! In a way, they were **OPPOSITES**, and I can well imagine that were it not for the sanctifying, transforming influence of the Spirit of God, Peter and John would be men who rubbed each other up the wrong way!

**Peter** - the impetuous, brash, impulsive '**Big Fisherman**' – who was inclined to rush in where angels fear to tread; **John** who had been called '**The Apostle of Love**' John, the quiet, deeply spiritual man. **John, 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'** and who always seemed **closest to the Lord.**

# TIME KEEPING.

JEWISH TIME	ROMAN TIME
<b>FIRST HOUR</b> After a the priests prepare the altar ( <a href="#">Lev 1:7</a> ; <a href="#">6:1-6/8-13</a> ; Mishnah: Tamid 1:2), the first male lamb of the Tamid sacrifice is brought out and tied to the altar at dawn (Mishnah: Tamid 3:2- 3:3)	<b>DAWN -8AM</b> The twice daily communal sacrifice of the Tamid is the focus of religious life for the covenant people ( <a href="#">Ex 29:38-42</a> ; <a href="#">Num 28:4-8</a> ). It is the only sacrifice other than the Feast of Firstfruits or the Sabbath that requires a single male lamb for the liturgical service. The Sabbath requires a male lamb in addition to the Tamid lamb for each of the two Sabbath services ( <a href="#">Num 28:9-10</a> )
<b>SECOND HOUR</b>	<b>8-9AM</b>
<b>THIRD HOUR</b> The incense is offered in the Sanctuary and the first Tamid lamb is sacrificed as the Temple gates open [Mishnah: Tamid 3:7; Edersheim, <i>The Temple</i> , chapter 7, p. 108]	<b>9-10AM</b> It is the time for the communal "Shacharit" (morning) prayer service ( <a href="#">Acts 2:15</a> ) at the start of the 3rd hour. Individual morning prayer may be recited until noon ( <i>Mishnah: Berakhot</i> 4:1A; <a href="#">Acts 10:9</a> )
<b>FOURTH HOUR</b>	<b>10-11AM</b>
<b>FIFTH HOUR</b>	<b>11-12PM</b>
<b>SIXTH HOUR</b> The second lamb is brought out and tied to the altar at high noon. [Mishnah: Tamid 4:1]	<b>NOON -1PM</b> The second Tamid lamb is given a drink from a gold cup and remains near the altar until the time of sacrifice ( <a href="#">Ex 29:41</a> ; <i>Mishnah: Tamid</i> 3:4; 4:1G; Josephus, <i>Against Apion</i> , 2.8[105]). Individual afternoon prayer lasts from the sixth hour (noon) to about the eleventh hour (5 PM), the length of the time from when the second lamb is tied near the altar to the conclusion of the afternoon service ( <i>Mishnah: Berakhot</i> , 4:1C; <a href="#">Acts 10:9</a> ).
<b>SEVENTH HOUR</b>	<b>1-2PM</b>
<b>EIGHTH HOUR</b>	<b>2-3PM</b>
<b>NINTH HOUR</b> The second Tamid lamb is sacrificed [ <i>Antiquities of the</i> <i>Jews</i> 14.4.3 (14:65); Philo <i>Special Laws</i> I, XXXV (169)]	<b>3-4PM</b> 3 PM is the second hour of prayer [ <a href="#">Acts 3:1</a> ; <a href="#">10:9</a> ] "Minchah" (gift-offering); also called the hour of confession.
<b>TENTH HOUR</b>	<b>4-5PM</b>
<b>ELEVENTH HOUR</b> The afternoon liturgical service is concluded with the burning of the incense (sacrifices of the two lambs is embraced by the burning of the incense, making it a single sacrifice) and the priestly benediction ( <i>Mishnah: Tamid</i> , 6:3-7:2; <a href="#">Num 6:24-26</a> ).	<b>5-6PM</b>
<b>TWELVETH HOUR</b>	<b>6PM-SUNDOWN</b>

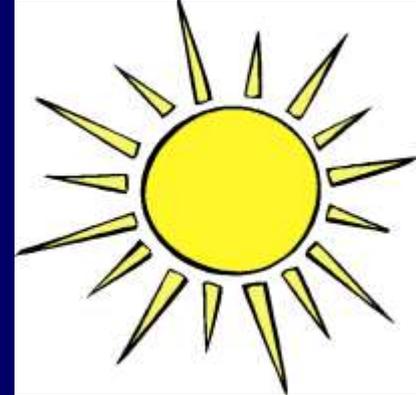
# TIME KEEPING.

**First Hour - Sunrise 6/8 a.m. to 9 a.m.**

**Third Hour - 9 a.m. to 12 Noon**

**Sixth Hour – 12 Noon - 3 p.m.**

**Ninth Hour - 3 p.m. to Sunset 6 p.m.**



**First Watch - Sunset 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Second Watch - 9 p.m. to 12 Midnight**

**Third Watch - 12 Midnight - 3 a.m.**

**Forth Watch - 3 a.m. to Sunrise 6 a.m.**



# **TIME KEEPING.**

**The Jewish day began at sundown.  
The daytime was divided into 12 seasonal hours,  
but the day division of hours was focused  
on the schedule of the Tamid sacrifice.**

**Ma'ariv or evening prayer began at sundown  
[hours of prayer see Mishnah Berakhot].  
According to the Jewish Book of Why, volume I.  
The Ma'ariv is a later addition, instituted  
after the destruction of the Temple in AD 70.**

**The Jewish Talmud records the late addition  
of the Ma'ariv service which is not connected  
with the sacrificial system.  
[Jewish Book of Why, volume I, page 148].**

**Acts 3:1;** “Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock daily prayer meeting.”

There were **THREE REGULAR HOURS FOR PRAYER** in the **JEWISH** religion, as you are probably aware. They were - in our time, roughly speaking, - 9 a.m. Noon and 3 p.m., and they are mentioned in the O.T.

For instance, **DANIEL. 6:10;** tells us that, as was his custom, 'Got down on his knees **THREE TIMES A DAY, AND PRAYED**'

in Psalm 55:17; **DAVID** tells us that he called on God, Evening and morning and noon.' Of course, for the really devout, in the **LONGEST PSALM** in the Bible Psalm 119:164;

There the **PSALMIST** probably refers to his prayer-practice, he says, '**SEVEN TIMES A DAY I PRAISE THEE.**'

**Acts 3:1; “Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock daily prayer meeting.”**

**The EVENING PRAYER-TIME was half an hour after the offering of the evening sacrifice, when the people loved to think that their prayers were rising along with the incense that was being offered.**

**It was then that they encountered  
a LAME MAN,  
at the BEAUTIFUL GATE of the TEMPLE.**

# TIME KEEPING.

**Twelve-hour night time division  
(Roman night watch division was adopted  
after Roman occupation began in 63 BC.)**

**The end of each watch was signalled  
by a trumpet signal as Jesus noted in Mark 13:35;  
“So stay awake, because you do not know  
when the master of the house is coming:-  
evening, midnight, cockcrow or dawn.”**

**A trumpet call, known as the cockcrow signalled  
the end of the 3rd and beginning of the 4th watch.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;  
NOW PETER AND JOHN ARE GOING UP TO  
THE TEMPLE AT THE EVENING HOUR OF PRAYER.**

**The Ninth hour is 3:00 p.m.**

**Judaism like Islam had set hours for prayer.**

**The Jewish 'HOUR' is more flexible  
than our own because the word 'HOUR'  
did NOT indicate a period of SIXTY MINUTES.**

**We follow the SEXAGESIMAL SYSTEM. Originated  
with the Sumerians in 3,000 BC. The word means:-  
BASED ON SIXTIES. Sixty seconds to the minute,  
Sixty minutes to the hour.**

# Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-2;

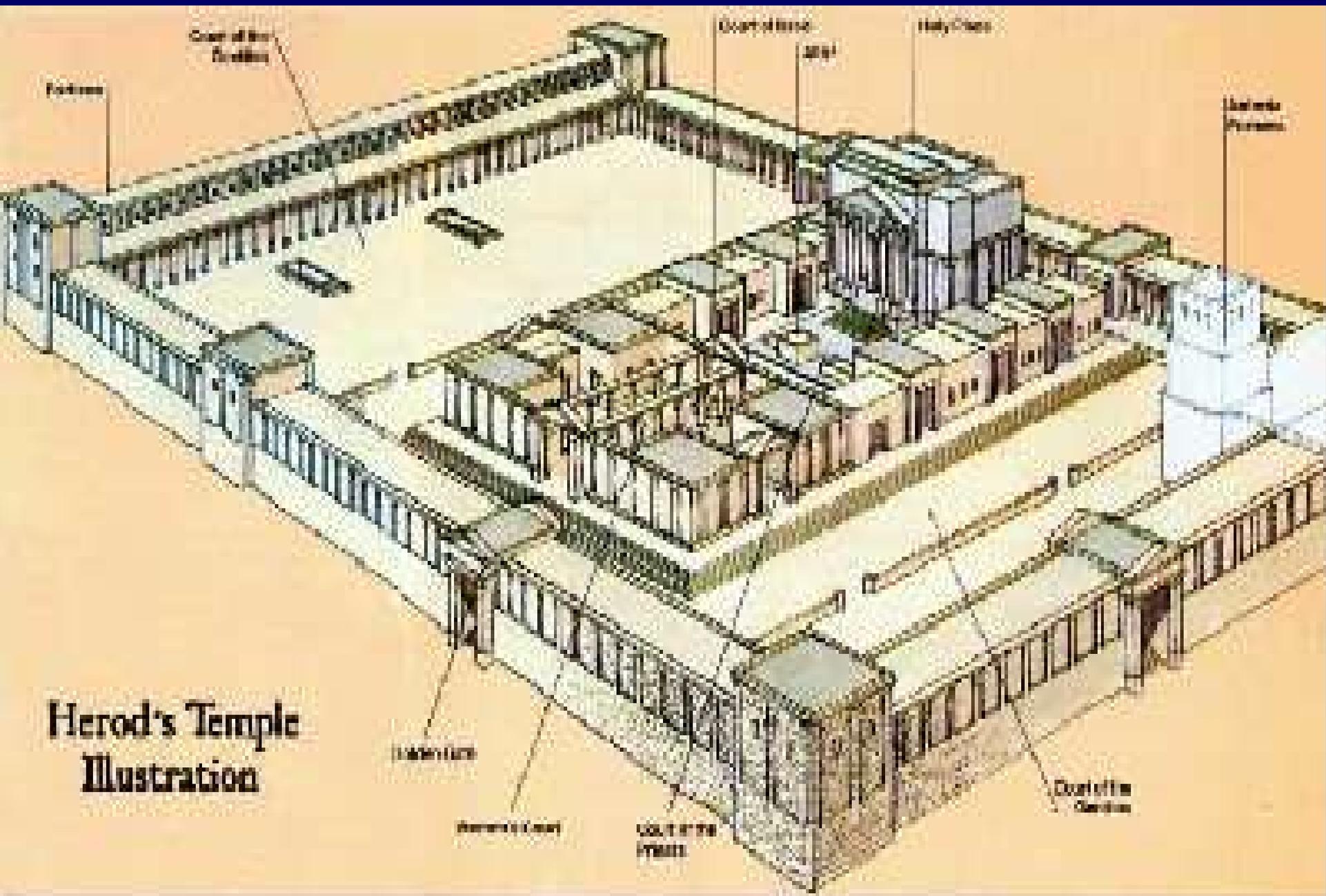
Peter and John were taking the opportunity to meet people and pray together.

**WE NEED TO MAKE IT A NATURAL PART OF OUR LIVES TO TAKE TIME TO TALK TO GOD.**

2. “And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.”

There were different gates leading into the temple mound. Going beyond the Court of the Gentiles stood the magnificent 60 foot wide "Gate Beautiful" mentioned in Acts 3:2,10; During the time of the morning and evening sacrifices this great entrance was the place of public worship.

# HEROD'S TEMPLE. Acts 3:2;



Herod's Temple  
Illustration

**Holy land Experience in Orlando, Florida.  
The model HEROD'S TEMPLE. Acts 3:2;**



## **HEROD'S TEMPLE. Acts 3:2;**

The city of **Jerusalem** had grown extensively since the days of the kings of old. It was now a major metropolis with outlying suburbs.

**Herod the Great** had brought many **Hellenistic influences** to the city. It now boasted **a circus** where chariot races could be held as well as **a Greek Theatre**.

The city was built upon two parallel ridges which were divided by a steep valley. The lower hill to the east was the site of the original city dating back to the days of the Jebusites. The Temple sat at the northern edge of this ridge.

The main entrance to **the Temple Mount** was through **the Hulda Gates**, located at the bottom left of the photo. These gates led to a long staircase emerging into **the Court of the Gentiles**.

## **HEROD'S TEMPLE. Acts 3:2;**

**Surrounding the Court of the Gentiles were a series of "porches" or cloisters through which ran double rows of Corinthian pillars, each cut from marble and measuring 38 feet in height and covered by a flat roof.**

**The entire court was paved with marble. The southern of these porches was known as "Solomon's Porch." (Acts 3:11;)**

**The Court of the Gentiles derived its name from the fact that Gentiles were permitted into this area provided they conducted themselves in a reverent manner.**

**The tower in the foreground was the "Place of Trumpeting" and was also known as The Pinnacle of the Temple. It was from this vantage point that the trumpet would be sounded to signal the beginning of the sacrifices.**

# Inner Courts of Herod's Temple. Acts 3:2;



**Inner Courts of Herod's Temple. Acts 3:2;  
The Court of the Women was not exclusive  
to women. It was called this  
because this was as far within the Temple  
as women were permitted to enter.**

**The court was surrounded by colonnades.  
Along the walls there were thirteen jars which  
served as receptacles for various offerings.**

**Worshippers would come in and drop their offering  
into one of the jars. It was in such a manner that  
Jesus and His disciples would have watched the  
poor widow bringing her offering into the Temple.  
(Mark 12:43;)**

**Inner Courts of Herod's Temple. Acts 3:2;**  
On the west side of the Court of Women were 15 steps that led up to the Nicanor Gate, also made of Corinthian Brass. WHICH WAS REGARDED AS MORE VALUABLE than either silver or gold. He says it was about 50 CUBITS HIGH, by 40 CUBITS WIDE. (Maybe something of an exaggeration) But it DID take 20 men to open and close it.

It had on it the emblem of Israel;- a golden Vine. The branches and leaves were of gold and the bunches of grapes were of pearls and diamonds.

This gate led to the inner courts which were made up of the Court of the Men, the Court of the Levites, and the Court of the Priests. Within the Court of the Priests there were the Altar and the Laver.

The altar was made of rough, un hewn stones.

It stood 15 feet high and was surrounded by a raised platform so that the priests could reach its surface.

In contrast to the Altar of Incense within the Temple, this altar was used for sacrificing animals.

**Inner Courts of Herod's Temple. Acts 3:2;  
The Laver was an immense brass bowl of water  
originally supported by the statues  
of twelve oxen, though they were removed  
in the days of King Ahaz. (2 Kings 16:17;)**

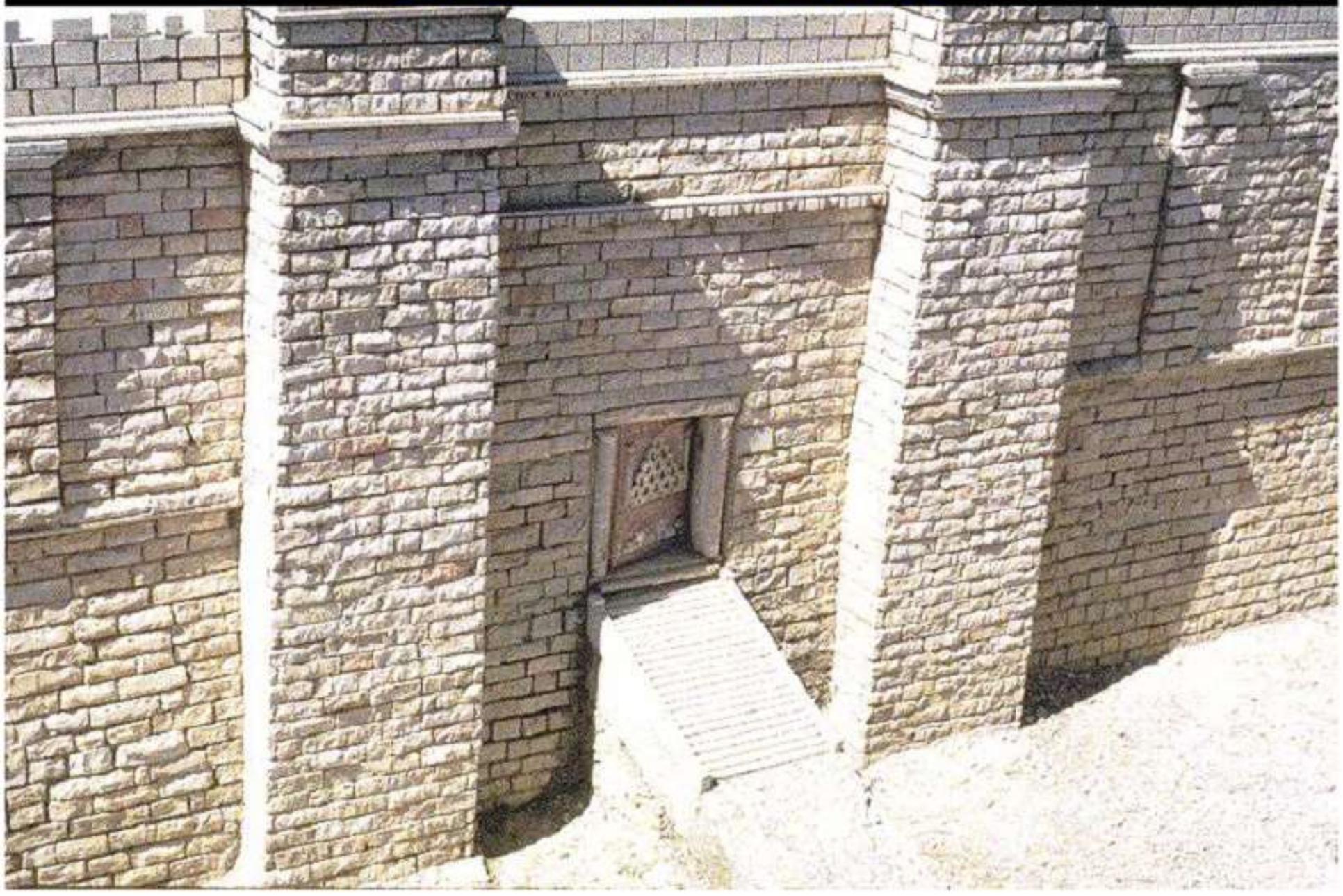
**It was drained every evening and refilled  
each morning. It was also known as the "sea."  
This is significant when we read in Revelation 4:5;  
of the Throne of God, the elders  
and a sea of glass like crystal.**

**Twelve more steps led up to the Temple itself.  
Two great columns flanked the doors leading into  
the Temple. Only the priests were permitted through  
these doors and only at the appropriate times.**

# Beautiful Gate



# Beautiful Gate



# At The Gate Called "Beautiful"



## **Beggar asking for Alms. Acts 3:2;**

**“Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.”**

**What a contrast we see here!. This magnificent GATE;  
So rich; so beautiful. And lying in its shadow,  
this pitiful figure. A LAME MAN, who lives by begging from  
the people who make their way in and out of the Temple.**

**This man was carried to the place of Worship to beg.  
Since a cripple was considered “UNCLEAN”  
the gate is as far as he could go.**

**He has never been inside the temple to worship.  
He is dependant upon the generosity  
of the worshippers for survival.**

## **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:3-5;**

**3 “When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.”**

**This man in all likelihood does not know Who Peter and John are. He may know nothing about Jesus beyond what he has heard others say!**

**Peter looked straight at him, as did John.  
Then Peter said, “LOOK AT US!”**

**Silver and Gold – Choice to live by. Acts 3:3-5;**

**If the world in their desperation  
looked at you, what would they SEE?**

**“Live such good lives among [those who do not believe] that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.” (1 Peter 2:12;)**

**“In everything set them an example by doing what is good...so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say.”  
(Titus 2:7-8;)**

# **Silver and Gold – Choice to live by. Acts 3:3-5;**

**“In the same way, let your light shine before men,  
that they may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16;)**

**Peter and John stop to take notice of the man.**

**They see more than a beggar!**

**They see a man they have the power to help!**

**“Look at us!”**

**When a beggar does not receive alms,  
immediately, what does that person  
usually do? Look quickly for the  
next person coming, to begin to beg again.**

**v5 “And he fixed his attention on them,  
expecting to receive something from them.”**

**What did the man expect?**

**He was expecting money  
BUT**

**What he got was a whole lot more.**



**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;**

**“Then Peter said, Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”**

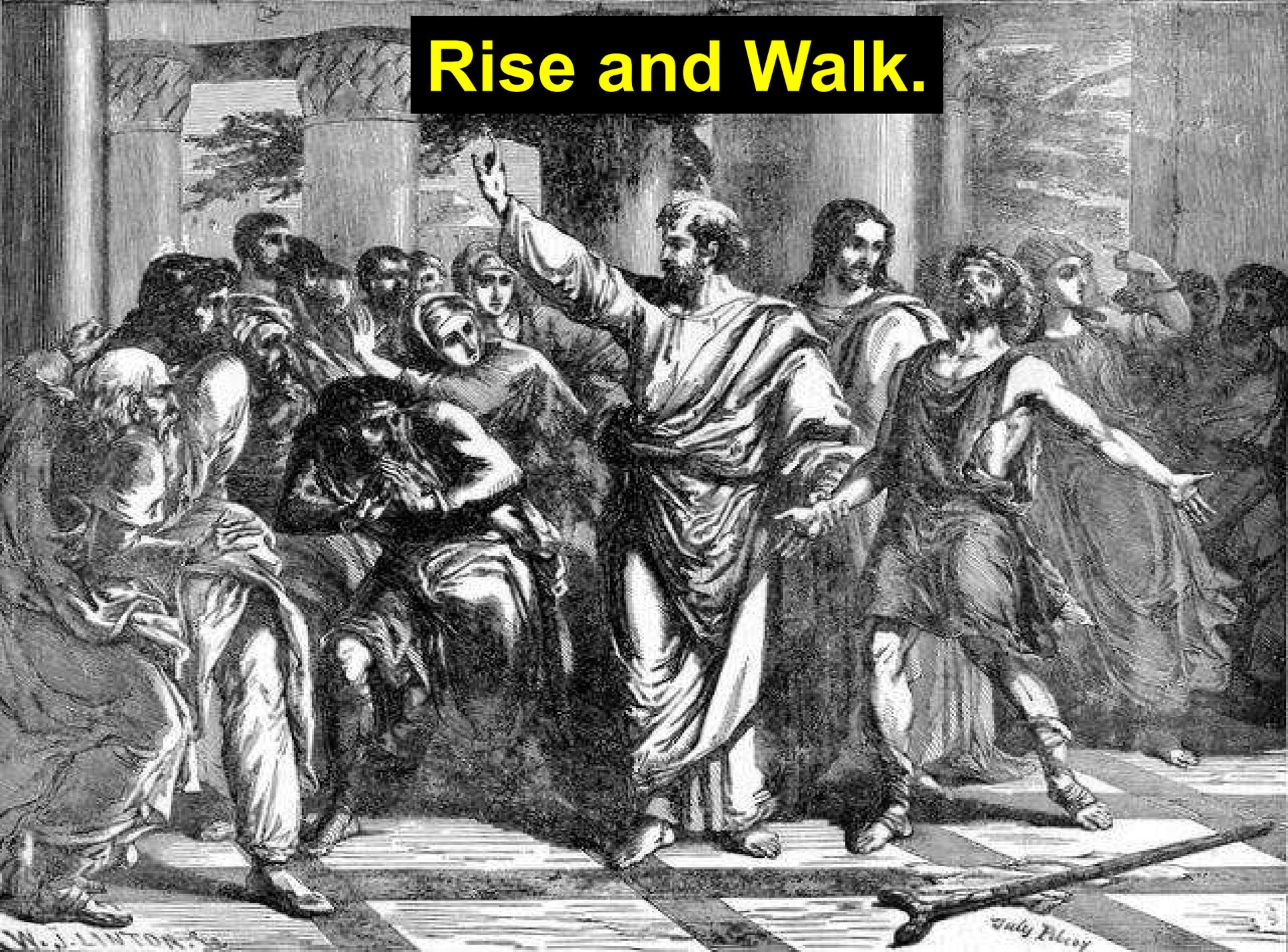
**WHAT I HAVE  
I GIVE YOU.**

**I GIVE YOU:- TIME, SYMPATHY and KINDNESS,  
TALENT and ABILITY.**

**What are some things that we have received by becoming Christians that we may not have expected?**



# Rise and Walk.



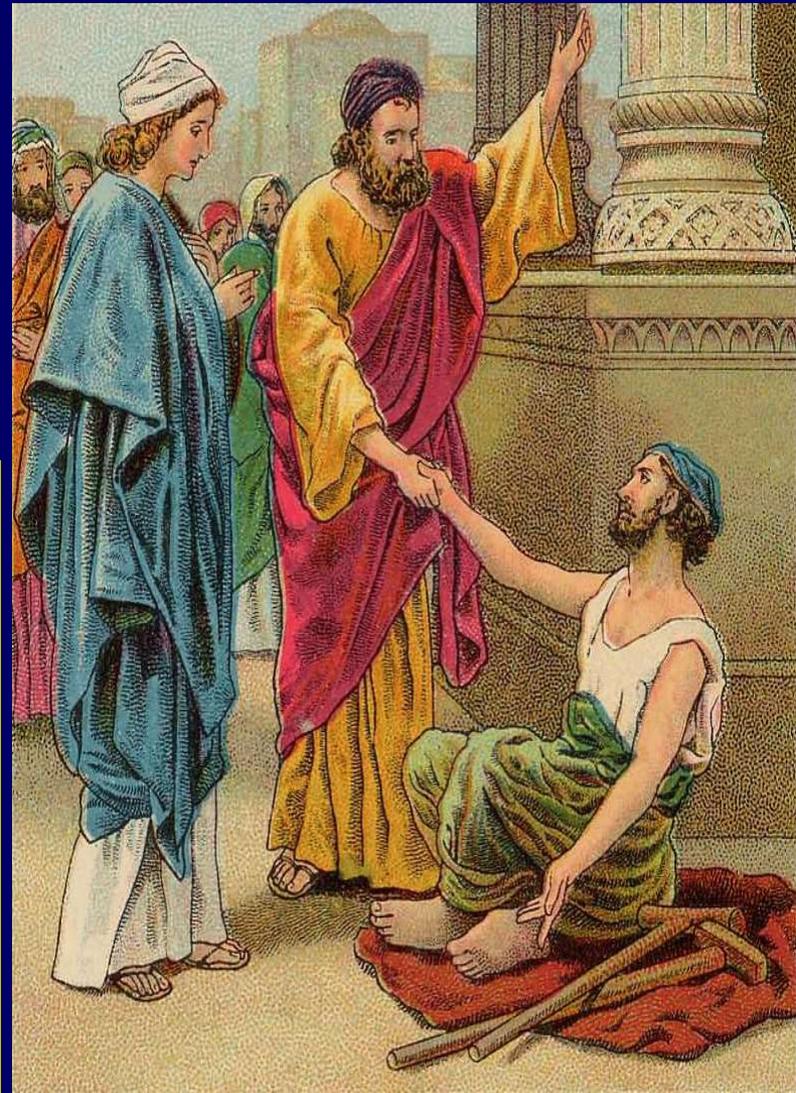
# Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;

“Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.”

[Feet] = base or heel; anklebone  
(Gr. sphuron, only here).

Very technical term,  
but we should not be surprised  
as **Luke** who is writing this  
was a **doctor** by profession.

**In John 5**, A lame man who was  
healed, the Pharisees sought to kill  
(**John 5:16-18;**). Later on we find  
that this situation gave rise  
to an inquiry by the Sanhedrin.  
**The inquiry never denies the reality  
of the miracle, they couldn't:-  
the man was standing there.**



# Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;

**“He jumped to his feet and began to walk.**

**Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.”**

**[leaping] Greek: hallomai, jumping, leaping, springing up.**

The reference to the man's leaping employs a **rare word**, which is found

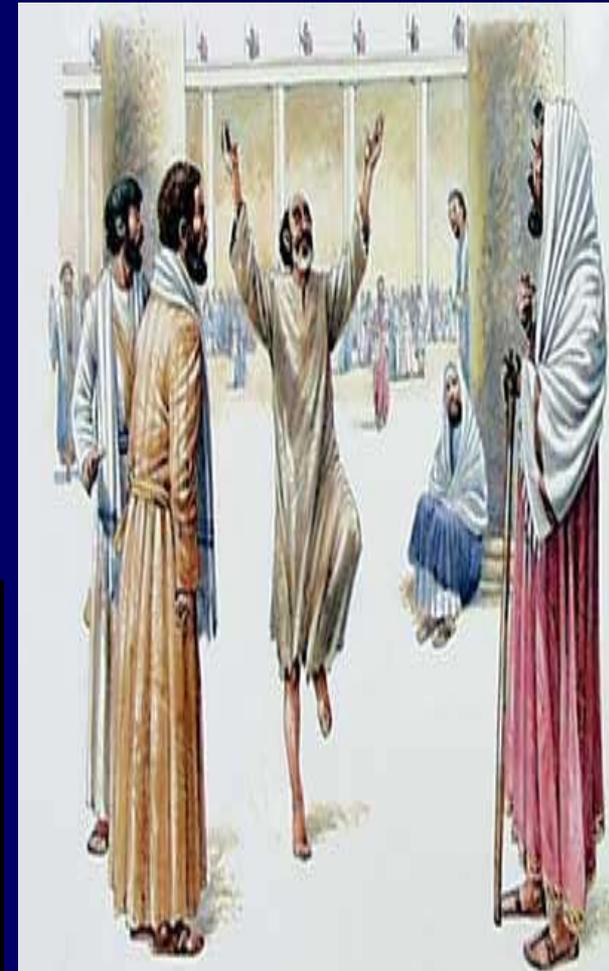
in the Septuagint (Greek OT) of **Isa 35:6; with reference to the messianic age.**

It occurs **twice** in this verse.

Now the **kingdom is being offered to Israel.** This will be the final opportunity.

What will be some of the identifying marks of the kingdom?

**One is that the lame shall leap!**



# **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;**

**“He jumped to his feet and began to walk.  
Then he went with them into the temple courts,  
walking and jumping, and praising God.”**

**Right hand is the hand of fellowship!**

**He was healed!**

**There was POWER in the name of Jesus!**

**Nothing else could do this for the man.**

**Does our faith lie in silver or gold? Or in the  
power of being able to rise to walk a new life  
because of our relationship with Jesus.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;**

**We ought to Never be satisfied with a limited faith  
and say I cannot overcome this.**

**When the Kingdom of God is a Kingdom of Power.**

**OUR FAITH IS DEMONSTRATED**

**BY THE POWER OF GOD IN OUR LIVES. GOD  
MUST MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WAY WE LIVE.**

**For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk  
but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:20;)**

**“After this I heard what sounded like the roar of  
a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah!  
Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,  
for true and just are His judgments.” (Rev 19:1-2;)**

## **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:8;**

**v8 “And leaping up he stood and began to walk,  
and entered the temple with them,  
walking and leaping and praising God.”**

**This man who had NEVER been inside  
the temple, now walks in praising God.**

**Walking and leaping!**

**Filled with joy and excitement!**

**Should this attitude fill our hearts  
as we think of what Jesus has done for us?**

## **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:8-10;**

**“Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising God,”**

**10 “they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:1-10;  
v8 Healing – Instant and Complete!**

**Here in Acts 3:1-10; We see  
a tremendous example of a TRUE  
and TYPICAL NEW TESTAMENT MIRACLE.**

**Bible miracles were performed  
in such a way that their supernatural  
properties could not be denied.**

**Everyone who went up to the Temple knew  
this crippled beggar. They could look at the  
man and tell he could never walk on his own.  
Evidently his legs were shrivelled and twisted.  
Now he could suddenly walk, run and jump.**

# **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 4:14-16;**

**Important features of this Miracle:-**

**There was Objective Evidence  
that the healing had occurred.**

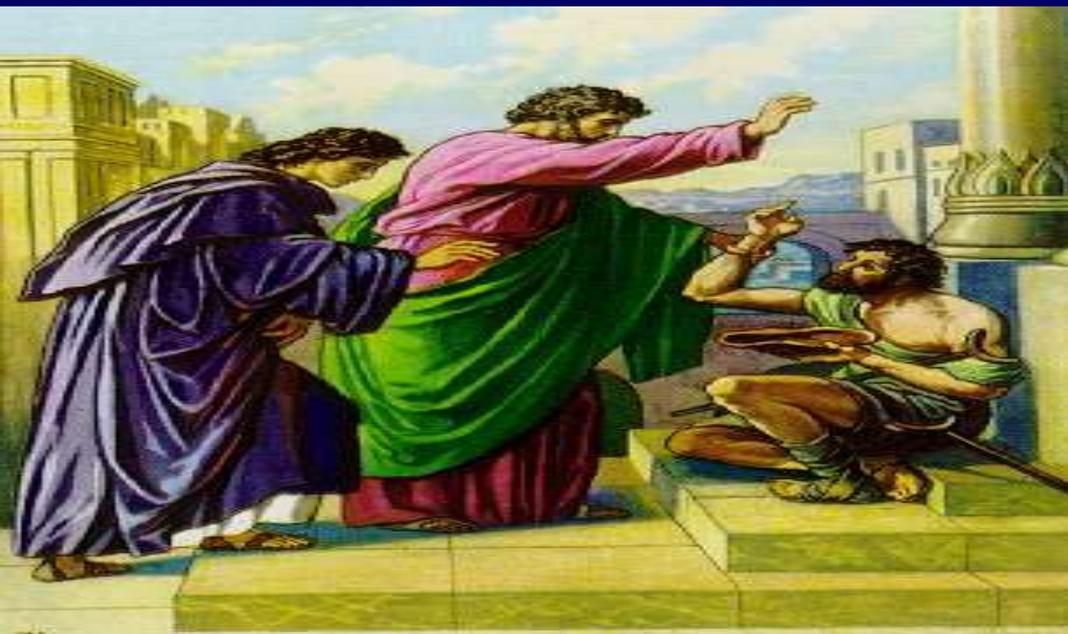
**14 Since they could SEE the man  
who had been healed standing there with them,  
there was nothing else they could say.**

**16 “What are we going to do with these men?”  
they asked.**

**Everybody living in Jerusalem KNOWS  
they have done an OUTSTANDING miracle,  
and we cannot deny it.**



God is talking to me,  
and says I need new  
batteries.....



Instantly **Acts 3:6-8;**

This man  
**didn't pray**  
to be healed,  
this man **didn't**  
**pay any money**  
to be healed,  
this man **wasn't**  
**told to wait** for a  
few days and you  
will be healed.

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 4:14-16;**

**Bogus or Phoney healing claims  
hurt the cause of Christ:-**

**Many people already ACCUSE or THINK  
that Jesus the Christ is phoney or just a myth.**

**If we know people are lying (or foolish)  
in an area we can check!**

**Why believe them in an area we can't check?  
It undermines the message and the cause of Christ.**

**Authenticity and the ring of TRUTH  
is crucial to our message.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:6-8;  
We cannot limit God and say there are NO miracles  
today otherwise prayer would be null and void!**

**But that does not mean it is wrong to question those  
who claim to have the power of the Apostles TODAY  
and say come along at 7.30pm and be healed!**

**In an authentic healing:- we need to  
know the condition is real and pre-existing.  
WE need to know the condition is actually  
healed. We need to know that  
the healing was not a coincidence  
or psychological or in remission!**

# **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:9-10;**

**v9 “And all the people saw him walking and praising God, v10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms.**

**And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.”**

**This was a well known beggar.**

**The people worshipping in the temple recognize him.**

**There is no doubt who the man is and no confusion concerning the miracle!**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:11;**

**“While he clung to Peter and John,  
all the people ran together to them  
in the portico called Solomon's, astounded.”**

**The man is in over his head.  
He is being surrounded by the crowd  
and he is scared.**

**He clings to Peter and John!  
Not necessarily because he knows them.  
He has nowhere else to go to escape  
the onslaught of people.**



## **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:11-12;**

**11 “While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.”**

**12 “When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?”**

# **An Opportunity to Preach!**

**A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;  
If we want to summarize this man's story  
we can do it in THREE SENTENCES.**

- 1. The MAN AT THE GATE LYING.**
- 2 The MAN ON HIS FEET STANDING.**
- 2. The MAN IN THE TEMPLE PRAISING.**

**The Holy Spirit has recorded for us just  
one of the many miracles, which were performed  
by ALL the APOSTLES OF Christ.**

**We see that the miracle CREATED THE OPPORTUNITY  
OF TELLING THE PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS, because there  
then follows PETER'S SECOND PUBLIC PRESENTATION  
OF THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS.**

**WHAT WE SEE IN THIS CHAPTER IS A COMPLETE  
CHANGE FROM PENTECOST. Yet at the same time  
WHAT WE SEE HERE IS CONTINUITY.**

# **A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;**

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# PETER'S SECOND SERMON 3:12-26;



**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:11-12;**

**Solomon's Colonnade was an open, roofed 45-foot walkway with double columns that were 38 feet tall. It was situated along the east side of the Court of Gentiles.**

**Although it was part of the temple complex, it was not considered to be part of the actual temple, as evidenced by the fact that Gentiles were not allowed into the temple but they could be present in Solomon's Colonnade.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:11-26;  
AN OUTLINE OF PETERS SERMON.**

**3:12-16;- Explanation of the miracle.**

**3:17-21;- Call to repentance.**

**3:22-24;- Prophet LIKE Moses to come.**

**3:25-26;- Prophecy to Abraham:-**

**Through his seed all to be blessed.**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:12;**

**“And when Peter saw it he addressed the people:**

**“Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this,  
or why do you stare at us, as though by our own  
power or piety we have made him walk?”**

**The people are filled with awe – they are astounded.**

**They are looking to Peter and John  
as miracle workers.**

**While this is true, Peter and John  
immediately reveal they don't claim  
the special POWER comes from themselves.**

# Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:12;

v12 “as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?”

We are no different than anyone else.  
We are no more holy and  
certainly no less sinners than you are!

What was true for Peter and John is true for Christians today. **The difference is that Peter, John, and all of us know the forgiveness we have received in Christ.**

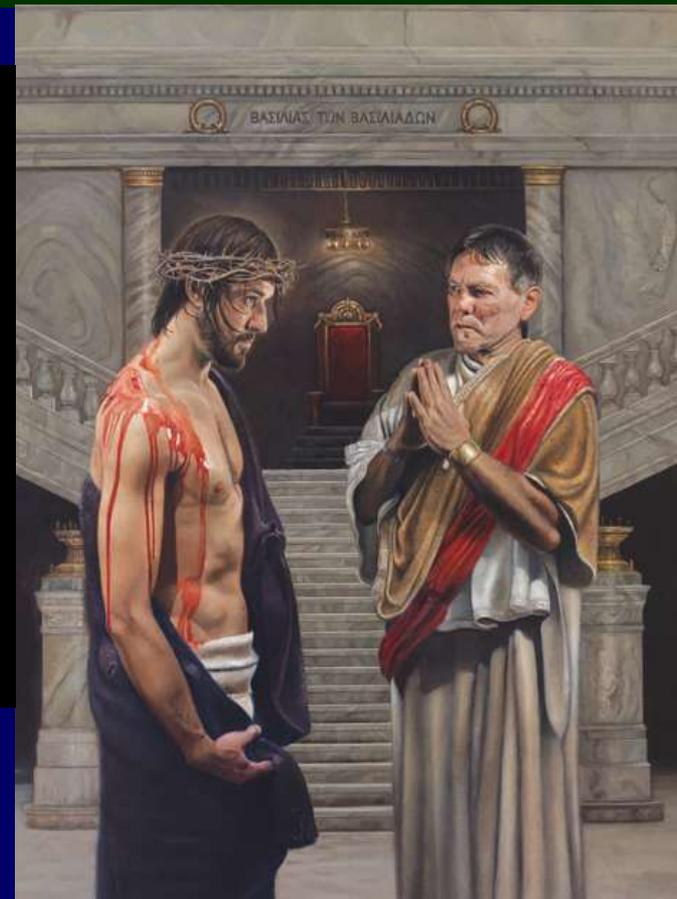


# Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:13-16;

Peter tells his audience that it was not any virtue or power of his that had healed this crippled man.

Then he introduces the One Who had done the healing, Jesus.

13 “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified His servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though He had decided to let Him go.”



**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:13-16;  
Why does Peter mention Abraham, Isaac,  
and Jacob? He is speaking to an audience of Jews  
who claimed these patriarchs as their heritage.**

**Peter ties Jesus directly  
to this line of Old Testament Patriarchs.**

**Peter declares to the people  
the glorification of Jesus Christ.**

**The Bible is filled with passages which talk about  
the glorification and exaltation of Jesus Christ.**

**(Acts 2:33; 5:30-31; 2 Pet 3:18)**

**We NEED to teach the WORLD  
about the GLORY and EXHALTATION  
of JESUS THE CHRIST!**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:13;**

**“God . . . glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.”**

**How did God glorify Jesus?**

**By raising Him from the dead.**

**Who does Peter say bears the guilt of Jesus crucifixion!**

**Those who are hearing him speak that day**

**Inhabitants of Jerusalem – Yes!**

**All sinful humanity – Yes!**

**Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:13-15;**

**The Holy Spirit through Peter convinced people of their sin. Peter instructed the people to repent and be converted.**

**Jesus sent Holy Spirit to CONVICT the WORLD of SIN. John 16:7-11;**

**The Holy Spirit continues to CONVICT the WORLD of SIN, RIGHTEOUSNESS, and JUDGEMENT THROUGH the WRITTEN WORD of GOD**

**This is why WE must teach others about JESUS the CHRIST and GODS WILL that ALL men may REPENT and not PERISH. 2 Pet 3:9;**



## **Silver and Gold - Rise and Walk. Acts 3:13-16;**

**14 “You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.**

**15 You killed the author of life, but God raised Him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.”**

**16 “By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.**

**It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through Him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.”**

**v14 “But you denied the Holy and Righteous One,  
and asked for a murderer to be granted to you.”**

**You denied the Messiah and asked for Barabbas  
instead! Why does Peter lay this guilt at the feet  
of those who are in the temple on this day?**

**It could be that many of these are the same people  
who were present when **Pilate** asked  
which one the people wanted to be released!**

**v15 “and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.”**

**The Author of life!**

**Creation itself and all pro-creation since!**

**The Author of eternal life! Col 1:15-17;**

**Peter declares he and John  
are witnesses of this truth!**

**Peter and John were present throughout  
Jesus’ ministry and the resurrection!**

**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**16 “and it is the name of Jesus which, through faith in Him, has brought back the strength of this man whom you see here and who is well known to you.**

**It is faith in Him that has restored this man to health, as you can all see.**

**This man is healed today because of this Jesus whom you are responsible for killing!**

**By who's faith was this man healed?**

**Faith in His name!**

**Did the man exhibit any faith?**

**NONE AT ALL!**



**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**When people are not healed today  
who is usually blamed for lack of faith?**

**Peter does not mince his words he was not  
afraid of men, nor was he ashamed of the gospel.**

**As Paul later said, "it is the power of God  
for salvation for everyone." Romans 1:16;**

**Some of the very ones hearing him preach  
had a hand in having Jesus killed and  
they must have been feeling very bad about it  
at that moment. Peter continues:-**

**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**17 "Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders."**

**Did ignorance make them guiltless?**

**Ignorance is no excuse the guilt is still theirs!**

**But ignorance is different from wilfulness.**

**The one who is ignorant has the opportunity to repent when the truth is revealed.**

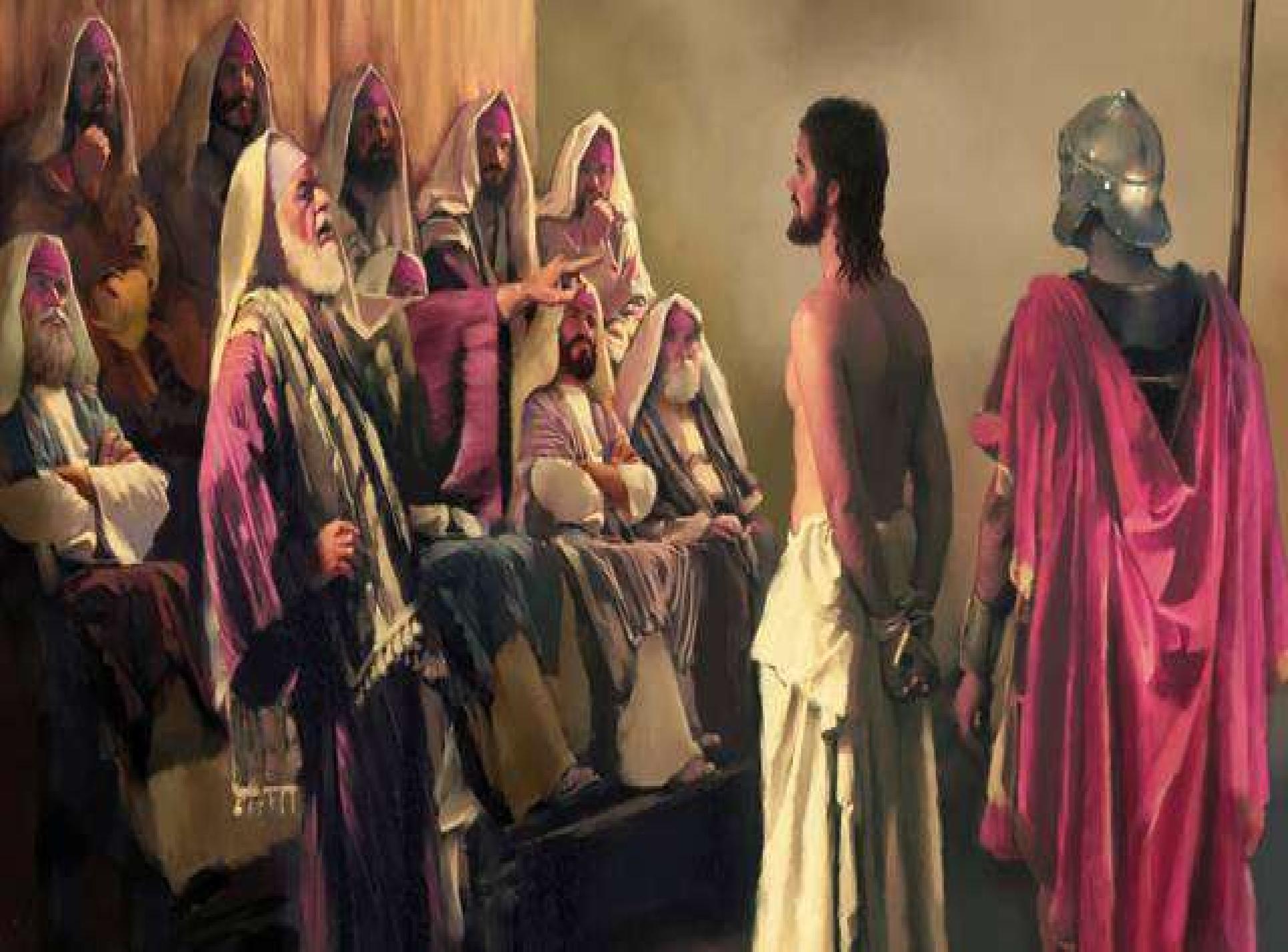
**The wilful sinner KNOWS the truth and CHOOSES to REJECT IT and will under most circumstances never receive it!**

## **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**Through Ignorance Paul killed Christians but God forgave him because he had done it in ignorance, believing he was doing the right thing. 1Tim 1:13;**

**These people had acted in ignorance, believing they were doing the right thing when they asked for Jesus to be killed.**

**Jesus had prayed for them on the cross when He said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" Luke 23:34;**



## **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**While the people and the rulers crucified Jesus  
“in ignorance,” their actions  
were a fulfilment of prophecies.**

**The Jews had a very different concept of what their  
Messiah was to be like. Evidently they did not think  
of Him as ever allowing Himself to be mistreated  
or to suffer. But this was clearly foretold.**

**Even today the Jews who do not accept  
Jesus as their Messiah think Isaiah 53 is  
describing sufferings of the nation of Israel,  
not the Messiah.**

**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**18 "But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that His Christ would suffer."**

**MIRACLE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PREACH THE MESSAGE!**

**God used miraculous works to confirm the word. Heb 2:3-4;**

**In Acts 2:43; we read, "Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."**

**This healing caused "great amazement among the people."**

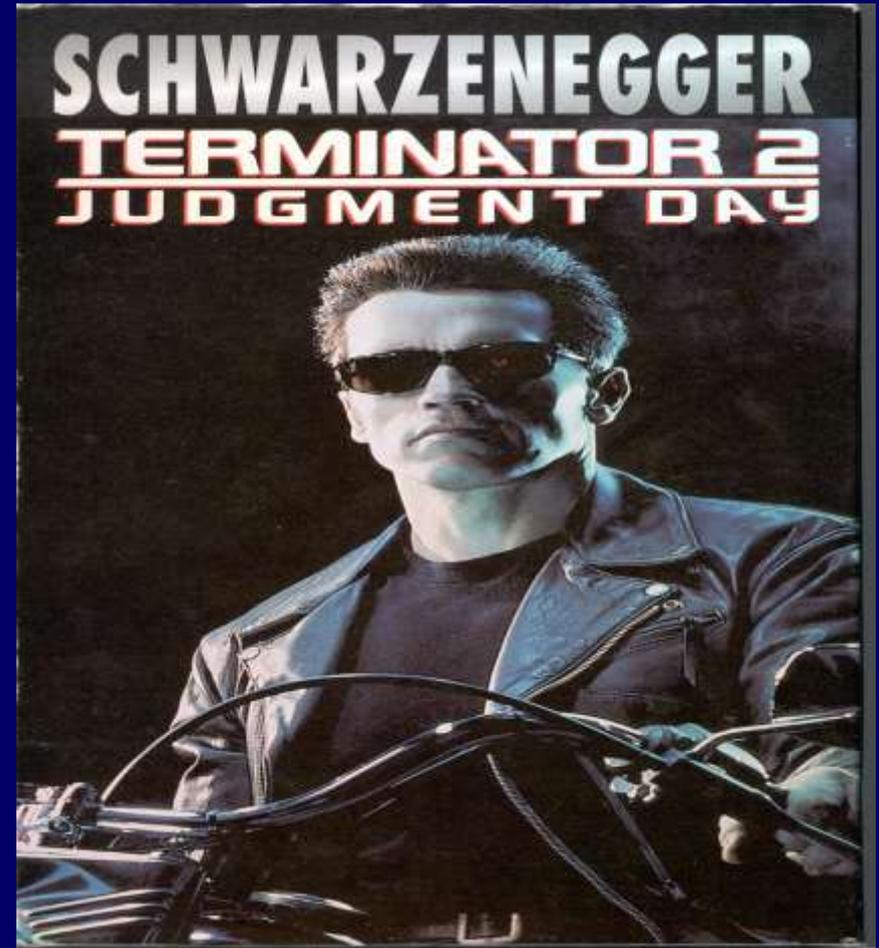
## **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**19 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"**

**"While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent." Acts 17:30;**

**"Repent" means "change your mind,"  
"decide to go a different way."**

**The Greek word does literally mean "change the mind." It is (spelled with English letters) "meta," which means "change," and "noieo," from "noia," which means "mind."**

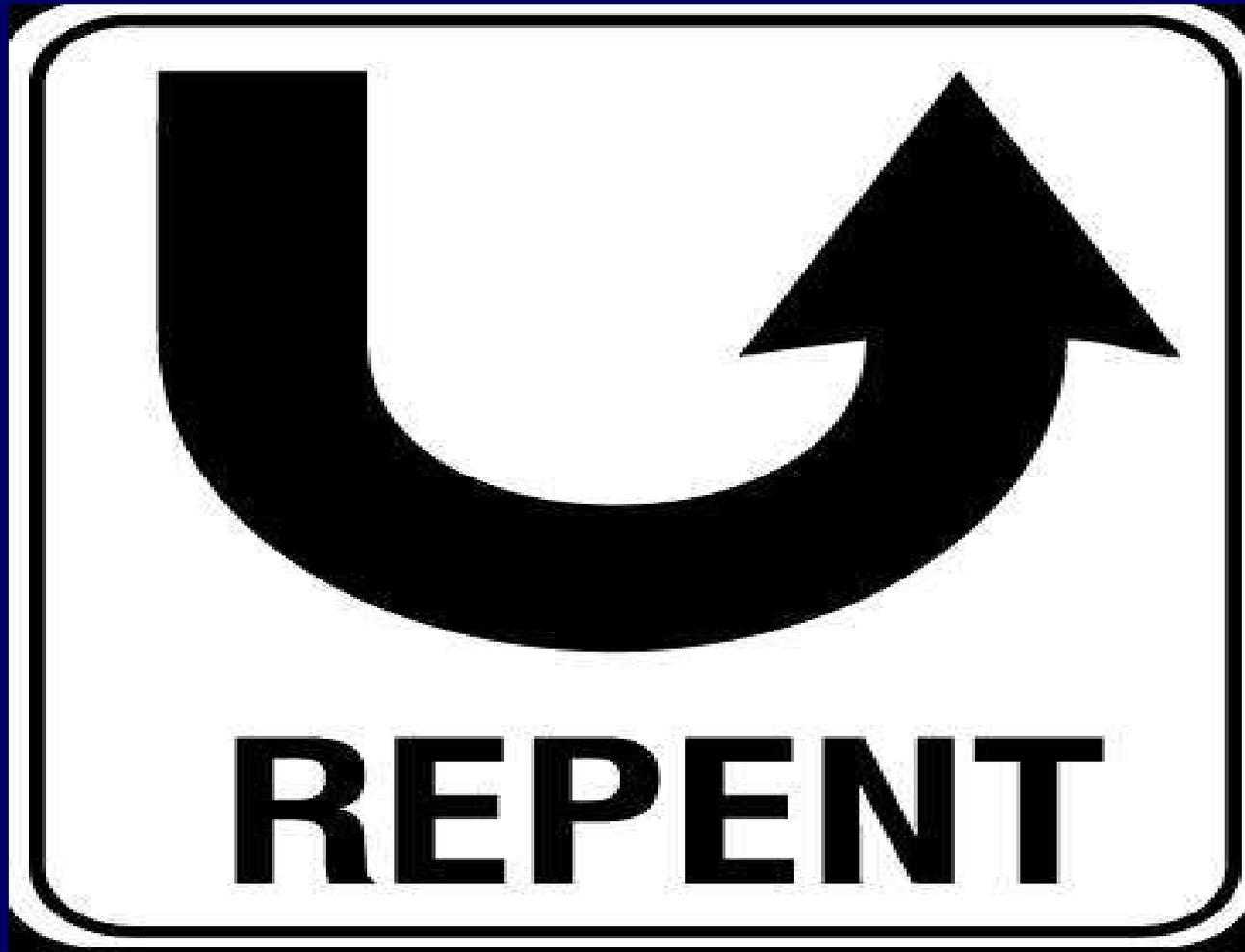


“If you want to live follow me.”

“If **YOU** want to live follow **JESUS!**”

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times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"**

**The "turning to God" is a further action.  
This means to include all that we need to do in  
response to the Grace of God as revealed through  
Jesus in order to obtain the salvation on offer.**

**Sins, when forgiven, are said to be  
"Wiped out," "blotted out," "washed away"  
and  
"remembered no more" against the sinner.**

**Sins Wiped Out!**



**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**19 "Repent, then, and turn to God,  
so that your sins may be wiped out, that  
times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"**

**Jesus had said in Matt 28:19;**

**"Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations,  
immersing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit."**

**Peter said in Acts 2:38 that "immersion was for the  
forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit."**

**Paul was told in Acts 22:16; "To arise  
and be immersed to washed away his sins."**

**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**19 "Repent, then, and turn to God,**

**so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,"**

**John in Revelation 1:5; said "from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born out of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth; to Him who did love us, and did wash us from our sins in His blood."**

# Acts 2:38; & Acts 3:19; Compared.

**Acts 2:38; (NKJV)**

**"Repent,**

**be baptized in  
the name of  
Jesus Christ**

**for the remission  
of sins;**

**and you shall  
receive the gift of  
the Holy Spirit.**

**Acts 3:19; (NKJV)**

**Repent**

**be converted,**

**that your sins may be  
blotted out,**

**so that times of  
refreshing may come  
from the presence  
of the Lord,**

**Gal 3:27;  
Col 2:11-13;**

## **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:12-19;**

See the **significance** of the **miracle** vs. 13,19;

**Peter** uses the opportunity to **proclaim God's truth!**

13 “The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus.”

19 “Turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.”

**This miracle was authentic, and being used by God not just in the life of the man healed, but to proclaim God's truth.**

**Peter's sermon. Acts 3:16-19;**

**19 "Repent, then, and turn to God,**

**so that your sins may be wiped out, that**

**times of refreshing may come from the Lord."**

**From the presence of the Lord**

**Comes forgiveness**

**and a restored relationship with God.**

**Times of REFRESHING for the soul  
which struggles against sin.**

## **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:19; "Times of Refreshing"**

**We all need revivals or times of refreshing now and then to keep us going in the straight and narrow way.**

**Although Peter doesn't say so in so many words he is speaking about the Holy Spirit. Jesus said the Living Water is the Holy Spirit. (John 7:38-39;)**

**In chapter 4:31; we will read about the Holy Spirit reinvigorating the disciples as an answer to their prayer.**

# **Peter's sermon. Acts 3:19; "Times of Refreshing"**

**Romans 8 has a lot to say  
about **the Holy Spirit**  
and what He does for Christians.  
He intercedes for us.  
He is our connection to God.**

**Through His word He guides and comforts us.  
He can empower us to change our lives  
for the better if we will let Him.**

**Peters sermon. Acts 3:19;**

**Are you seeking  
for times of refreshing  
for your soul?**

**Then make JESUS  
King of your life.**



**Acts 3:20;** “and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-even Jesus”

In chapter 1, the **two angels** told the apostles that **Jesus would return visibly some day.**

Here **Peter** speaks of this Return or second coming of Jesus.

This is one of the great blessings and promises of the New Testament.

**In 1 Thess 4:13-18; and 1 Cor 15:12-58;**  
**Paul teaches about the relationship between the return of Jesus and the resurrection.**

**Acts 3:20;** “and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-even Jesus”

How does Jesus come to us today?

In **WORD** and **WORSHIP** and **LIFE** Jesus is present!

**Christ ABIDES with US** in our daily walk of faith that we may be **continually refreshed.**

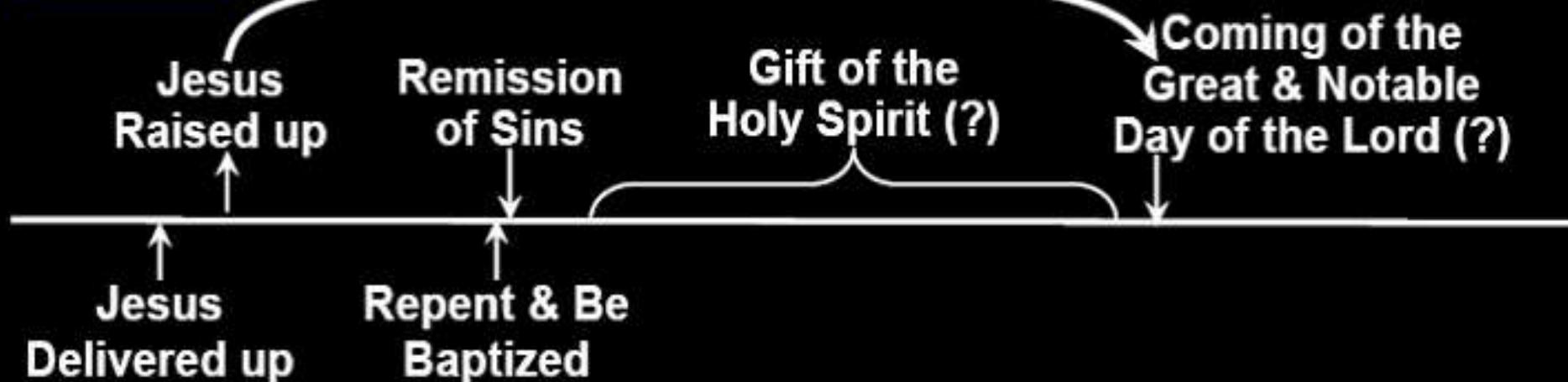
**When Christ returns all will be as God originally intended it to be!**

**Does this mean heaven on earth?**

**Or is it to mean God and His people will live in perfect fellowship in heaven throughout eternity?**

## Acts 2

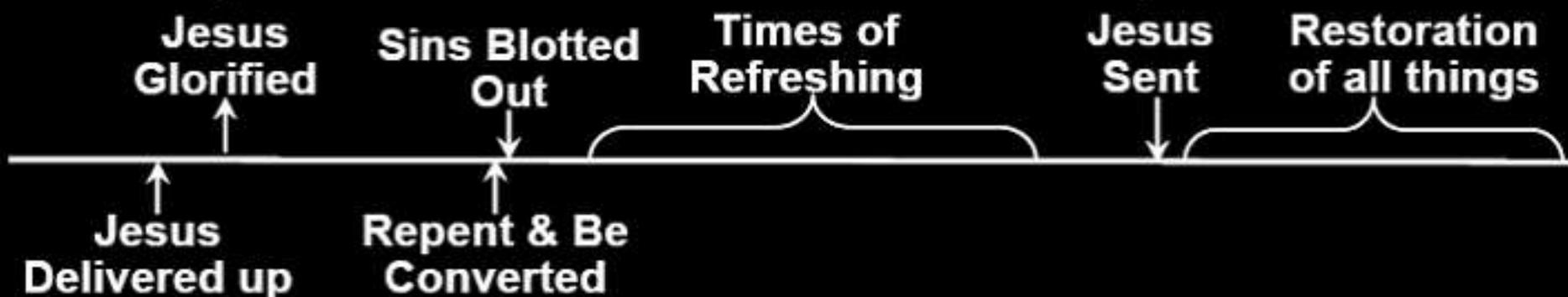
*Exalted to the Right Hand of God...*



## Timeline of the Kingdom

## Acts 3

*Heaven Receives Until...*



**Acts 3:20;** “and that He may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you-even Jesus”

**The next verse indicates that this refers to the return of Jesus. The Christian looks forward to and longs for the coming of Jesus.**

**Whereas in Acts 2:38; Peter had promised that remission of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit would follow their obeying the gospel, there is here assigned another consequence, namely, that (God) may send the Christ, etc.**

**Christ had already come and completed the work of his First Advent, making this a reference to the Second Coming or Return of Christ. Which in this verse is promised as an event that would be hastened by people obeying the gospel.**

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the **times of restoration of all things**, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

**The BLESSINGS to which Peter referred are:-**

1. The **blotting out of all their sins.**
2. **'Times of refreshing'** from the presence of the Lord - probably a reference to the Gift of the Holy Spirit, who had also been promised on the Day of Pentecost.
3. The hastening of the **Return of the Christ Himself. V20;**

The word **'times'** is the word **'KAIROI'**. the plural form or **'kar/ros'** that means a period of time - a season.

The other word used in the N.T. for **'time'** is **'chronos'**, which refers to time reckoned as a succession of moments one moment following another.

This last blessing, in verse 20. has unfortunately often been misunderstood, and used in a way which makes it seem that Peter was promising an early return of Christ dependent on the Jews believing in Christ.

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the **times of restoration of all things**, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

There are people today who are obsessed with the idea of the **'conversion of the Jews'** and who look for a mass conversion of Israel as an indication that the return of Christ is imminent. **But Peter was certainly NOT promising a RESTORATION of the KINGDOM of ISRAEL.**

The key words are found in v 21; which states that Jesus must **'be retained in heaven, until the time for the 'restitution of all things which God has spoken' (A.V.)**

The R.S.V. renders this sentence:-

**“until the time for the establishing of all that God has spoken by the mouth of.”**

That word rendered **'restitution'**, or **'establishing'** is the word **'APOKA TASTASIS' (APOKATASTASIS)** and it is found nowhere else in the N.T. Indeed, it is not found in the Septuagint version of the O.T. either.

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the **times of restoration of all things**, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

It means **'to bring back to an earlier or better state'** - **'restoration'** rather than **'completion'**, or **'consummation'**. A parallel verb is found in Matt 17:11; and Matt 19:28;

**In Matt 17:11;** The Lord reminds His disciples that Elijah was to come to **'restore'** all things.

In Matt 19:28; Jesus promised that those who had followed him would sit on thrones **'in the regeneration'**, when **Jesus Himself sits on His Throne**.

The word used here is **'PALINGENESIA,'** and the only other time it occurs in the N.T. it refers to baptism, in Titus 3:5;

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the **times of restoration of all things**, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

In **Acts 3:21**; Peter is **NOT promising** that if the Jews believed in the Christ, His return would be imminent and He would come back to be their King.

**Peter is referring to something far more important than that!**

Peter is speaking of the time, when, **at the return of Christ:-**

A) The curse of Sin will be banished forever.

B) ALL rebellion against God will have ended.

**C) Everything will be returned to the voluntary sovereignty of God, and SATAN will be finally destroyed.**

It will be when God's Day of Grace closes, and when He sees fit that Christ will return.

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

**Jesus is in heaven now and will remain until He comes again. This passage indicates that He would not come until the things spoken by the prophets had been fulfilled.**

**We are living in the times of the restoration of all things. This restoration which is already in progress will culminate in the creation being delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the sons of God. Romans 8:19-21;**

**Acts 3:21; “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”**

**Peter says in 3:24; “In fact, all the prophets that have ever spoken, from Samuel onwards, have predicted these days.” New Jerusalem**

**“Yes, and all the Prophets, from Samuel onwards - all who have spoken - have also announced the coming of this present time.” Weymouth**

**Peter has quoted the prophets to prove his point. The times of the restoration of all things is not some future millennial period.**

**Peter says the days he was living in (and the days we are living in) were these days.**

**Acts 3:21; “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”**

**Remember in John 7:38-39; Jesus said “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.”**

**39 “This He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”**

**In Acts 2:36; Jesus is glorified.**

**Acts 2:38; They are asked to “repent and be baptised in order to receive forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Acts 3:21; “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”**

**We are living in the Messianic age, age of the Spirit and in the prophets this is spoken of figuratively as an age of rest, ease and prosperity.**

**Isaiah 40:3; “The voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”**

**Isa 40:4; “Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain.”**

**Isa 40:5; “then the glory of Yahweh will be revealed  
and all humanity will see it together,  
for the mouth of Yahweh has spoken.”**

**Acts 3:21; “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”**

**We know this began to be fulfilled figeratively by John the Immerser. Not some future time.**

**Matt 17:11;**

**Peter is telling them that if they repent they will benefit from what the prophets foretold.**

**Times of refreshing will involve**

**The forgiveness of their sins.**

**The reconciliation back to God**

**The receiving of the indwelling Spirit.**

**The Spirit will strengthen them, empower them and enable them to face the challenges of life.**

**Acts 3:21; “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”**

**The prophets spoke of times of restoration.  
The prophets spoke of these days.**

**Remember Hebrews 1:2; “in our time, the final days, he has spoken to us in the person of his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made the ages.”**

**The 1st century Christians were living in the final days, the last days and we are living in the same age today the last days.**

**Therefore the times of restoration are the days we are living in now.**

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

**The first coming of Jesus marked the beginning of these times, and His return will mark the end of the restoration of all things.**

**Jesus may come at any time.**

**Everyone must live in the expectation that He may come at any minute, although it may still be hundreds of years before He comes.**

**Jesus is now reigning. (1 Tim 6:15;)**

**He will reign on David’s throne from heaven until the last enemy, death, is destroyed. 1 Cor 15:24-28;**

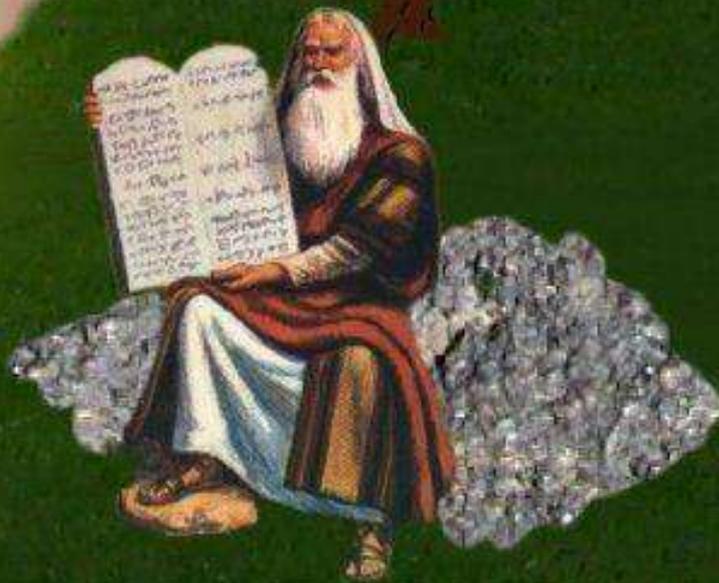
**Peter proclaimed that men must be restored to a reconciled spiritual relationship with God.**

**Acts 3:21;** “whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old.”

**This would happen when men accepted Jesus as the Messiah and Saviour and were obedient to the gospel.**

**After men and women  
Have responded to the gospel  
throughout this dispensation of time.**

**Jesus will then come to do away with this world in order to bring the saved into a new heavens and earth. 1 Cor 15:24-27; See 2 Pet 3:13;**



**22** *“For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me **from among your own people**; you must listen to everything he tells you.’”*

**This great Prophet was to come from among the Israelites. He was to speak the words of God. His authority was to be unquestioned. Anyone who disobeyed Him was to be cut off from his people.**

**When John the Baptizer came preaching the people asked him, “Are you the prophet?” (John 1:21;) He said he was not. Jesus was the Prophet.**

**22 “For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me **from among your own people**; you must listen to everything he tells you.’”**

**A prophet like Moses? The one who would deliver all of God’s people out of bondage and take them to the Promise Land.**

**Moses spoke the Word of God clearly and with authority!**

**No one questioned God’s Word through Moses.**

**Jesus speaks with an even greater authority!**

**No one who knows Jesus ought to question His Word.**

22 *“For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me **from among your own people**; you must listen to everything he tells you.’”*

**This is a direct quote from Deut 18:15-18;**  
The people were tired of hearing God’s voice  
At Sinia, they were afraid to hear any more.

**God says in the future I am going to raise up a prophet and you need to listen to Him.**

**Acts 3:22;** “For Moses said, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.’”

**Of course, we know that the Jews,  
as a nation, rejected the Christ.**

**This invitation was NOT ACCEPTED.** Therefore, when in this book, (ACTS), we read of the **GENTILES** - "the nations" or 'non-Jews', accepting the Gospel, we invariably Read in the same passage **of His rejection by the Jews.**

**For example:- 13:48-50; At Antioch in Pisidia.**

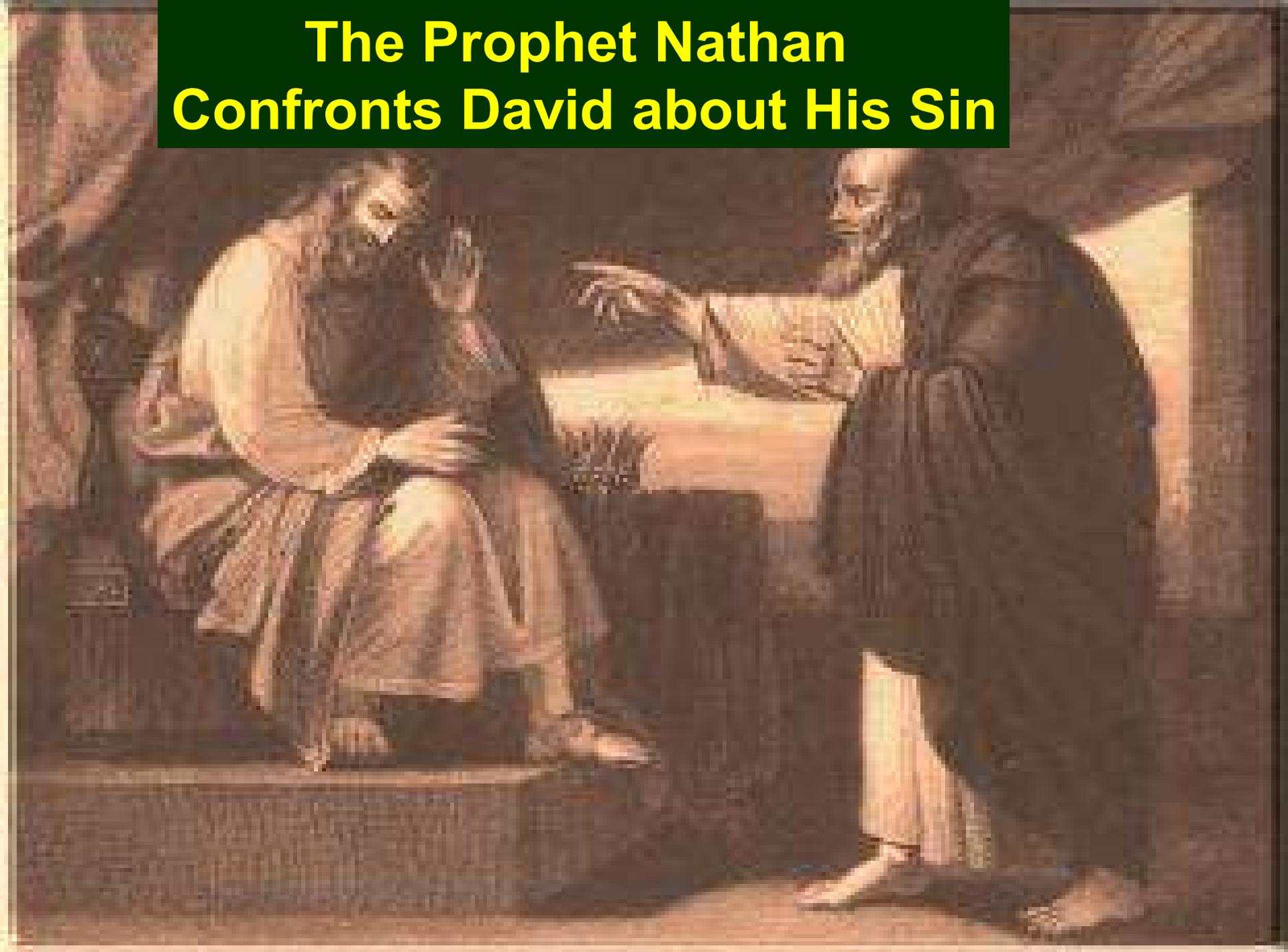
**14:1-2; At Iconium.**

**14:18-19; At Lystra.**

**17:4-5; At Thessalonica.**

**18: 6-8,11-12; At Corinth.**

# The Prophet Nathan Confronts David about His Sin



v23 “And it shall be that every soul who does not listen to that prophet shall be destroyed from the people.”

**To reject the Word (Law) given by Moses  
meant immediate death!**

**To reject the Word (Gospel) given by Jesus  
means eternal seperation!**

**24 “Samuel and all of the other prophets after Samuel who spoke for God talked about these days.”**

**Why does Peter mention Samuel?**

**Samuel is by all accounts the first prophet in the strictest since of the word.**

**All the prophets of God have had one consistent message. The Messiah will come into this world, suffer and rise, and grant salvation to all who TRUST and OBEY Him.**

**To reject this Messiah means  
Spiritual death because of  
the consequences of our sins.**

**24 “Samuel and all of the other prophets after Samuel who spoke for God talked about these days.”**

**The Prophets spoke about THESE DAYS**

**This means the time Peter is speaking**

**The prophets spoke of the suffering saviour  
who would be King**

**Jesus had suffered, Jesus is King, reigning now.  
These days are the days of the first century.**

**Acts 3:18; Peter says**

**ALL “The Prophets” “Tell of these things.”**

**Acts 3:19; “Now turn from your sins and turn to God,  
so you can be cleansed of your sins.”**

24 “Samuel and all of the other prophets after Samuel who spoke for God talked about these days.”

This is **the seed promise through Abraham** dealing with **sins forgiven through the seed of Abraham.**

So that there may come **seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord**

In Isaiah **32:15**; says that **when God pours out His spirit, as on day of Pentecost, that is going to make the land prosper like a famine land, starts being when there is water land, and that's the fulfilment of that prophecy.**

**Christ's spirit is the same as the Holy Spirit.**  
**1 Peter 1; calls the Holy Spirit prediction through the prophets The Spirit of Christ..**

**So it's not a different Spirit. It's the same Spirit**

**25 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”**

**Sons of the prophets.**

**Heirs of the covenant.**

**All the families of the earth blessed.**

**Three great truths the Children of Israel hold in common.**

**Today as in Jesus’ day,  
they forget the third promise!**

**“When God called Abraham out of Ur and led him to the promised land of Canaan He told him that in him and his Offspring all peoples of the earth would be blessed.” (Genesis 12:1-3;)**

**25 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”**

**Peter said the Offspring was Jesus and the promised blessing is Jesus turning us from our wicked ways.**

**Jesus was a Jew and came first to the Jews but the blessing is for all peoples.**

**Many Jews then as now thought the promised Offspring of Abraham was the nation of Israel.**

**But In Galatians 3:16; Paul said:-**

**Jesus is the Seed or Offspring of the promise.**

25 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”

**Paul also said in Gal 3:26-29; that in order to claim and be blessed by the promise, one must be immersed into Christ.**

**Then he or she becomes heir of the promise.**

**The Offspring of Abraham was to come and “turn each of them from his wicked ways.”**

**In Rom 6:1-10; Paul tells how baptism is like a death to sin, like a burial that unites the penitent believer with Christ in His death where His blood was shed.**

**25 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”**

**It puts one into Christ. It is also like a resurrection that puts one on the path to a new life.**

**Baptism releases a person from the hold of sin.**

**Then Paul says:-**

**Romans 6:11-14; “In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. 13 Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness,**

**“but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. For sin shall not be your master, you are not under law, but under grace.”**

**25 “You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.’”**

**If a person is in the grace of God through being immersed for the forgiveness of sins and through baptism receiving the Holy Spirit, then the grace of God frees the person from any power anything in his past life may have held over him.**

**A life of walking daily with God in faithful obedience keeps him free from the power of sin. 1 John 1:6-7;**

**26 “God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first,  
to bless you by turning every one of you  
from your wickedness.”**

**Jesus was sent to Israel to be a blessing  
to all. The apostles are now sent to Israel  
that all might be blessed.**

**The time will come, when Israel rejects the Gospel,  
and the Gentiles will be given opportunity  
of salvation. We will have the opportunity!**

**Acts 3:26;** “God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

It is interesting to notice, in this chapter, that PETER presents his message in a form, which would be most likely to appeal to this audience.

Notice the abundant Jewish expressions, references to highly respected personalities from Israel's history.

Commencing at v12; Men of Israel

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob;  
the God of our fathers.

'His Servant', Jesus.

His holy prophets from of old Moses.  
Samuel and those who came afterwards.

## OLD TESTAMENT TITLES USED TO DESCRIBE JESUS IN ACTS 3

6, 20	Christ	Psalms 2:2 "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his <b>Anointed One.</b> " (Christ)
6	Nazarene	Zechariah 3:8 ". . . I am going to bring my servant, the <b>Branch.</b> " (Some authorities believe that Nazareth means branch.)
13, 25	Servant	Isaiah 42:1 "Here is my <b>servant</b> , whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him and he will bring justice to the nations."
14	Holy One	Isaiah 47:4 "Our Redeemer-- the Lord Almighty is his name-- is the <b>Holy One of Israel.</b> "
14	Righteous One	Isaiah 24:16 "From the ends of the earth we hear singing: 'Glory to the <b>Righteous One.</b> '"
15	Prince of Life	Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, <b>Prince of Peace.</b> "
22	Prophet	Deuteronomy 18:15 "The Lord your God will raise up for you a <b>prophet</b> like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him."
25	Seed	Genesis 22:18 ". . . and through your <b>offspring</b> all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me." Galatians 3:16 "The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his <b>seed.</b> The Scripture does not say 'and to seeds,' meaning many people, but 'and to your <b>seed,</b> ' meaning one person, who is Christ."

**Acts 3:26;** “God, having raised up his servant, sent him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.”

Such a sermon would undoubtedly secure the attention of the people, because there is nothing The Jews loved more than to hear a recital of their history.

They loved to be reminded how God had **chosen them** to be **His special people**; how He had been **with them**, and how He had **spoken to them** through **His prophets**.

We shall see more of this as we proceed through this book.

# Conclusion.

**This chapter has told about the second miraculous sign that God has performed to confirm the word of His Apostles.**

**It was a miracle that everyone in Israel and all the visitors who were there that day knew about.**

**Everyone had seen this crippled man and knew his condition.**

**The miracle provided an opportunity for Peter to preach to the people.**

**A NOTABLE MIRACLE Acts 3:1-11;  
PETER'S SECOND SERMON 3:12-26;**

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