

## Peter Explains the Lame Man's Healing (Acts 3:12-16):

### *A Former Denier Indicts Deniers*

*In Acts 3:1-11, Peter and John, while entering the Temple at the time of the afternoon prayer, encounter a man, lame from birth, begging for money. Peter instructs the man to look up. He does, expecting to be given some money. Peter says he has no money, but that he will give what he has. Peter commands the man to stand, and then pulls him to his feet, fully healed. The man proceeds to be standing, leaping, and walking, none of which he has ever done before. And the crowd sees this man, who they have known as lame all of his life, and they gather on Solomon's porch, overwhelmed with amazement. Peter addresses them.*

#### 1. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Them Two Questions

<sup>12</sup> So when Peter saw *it*, he responded to the people: "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

**a. He addresses his audience (lit. "Men, Israelites")**

**b. He asks about the \_\_\_\_\_**

**c. He asks about the \_\_\_\_\_**

#### 2. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Them of Multiple Sins

<sup>13</sup> "The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied **in** the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *Him* go.

**a. He identifies God via history and genealogy**

**b. He identifies Jesus as God's Child**

**c. He identifies the two-fold sin of the men**

- INDICTMENT: You yourselves
- SIN #1: \_\_\_\_\_ over
- SIN #2: \_\_\_\_\_ (denial #1)

**d. He identifies additional circumstances**

- Against the face of Pilate
- Who had decided to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

**e. He identifies three more sins**

<sup>14</sup> "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup> "and killed the Prince of life..."

- INDICTMENT: You yourselves
- SIN #3: \_\_\_\_\_ (denial #2)
- SIN #4: \_\_\_\_\_ a murderer
- SIN #5: \_\_\_\_\_ the leader of life

#### 3. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Resurrection

<sup>15</sup> ...whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

**a. The Act of God: The One you killed God raised up**

**b. Personal Evidence: We ourselves are witnesses**

#### 4. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ the Healing to Belief in Jesus

<sup>16</sup> "And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

**a. The Power**

"And His name, through faith in His name,

- on the basis
- of the belief
- of the name of \_\_\_\_\_

**b. The Miracle**

has made this man strong, whom you see and know.

- This one
- Whom you are observing
- And have come to know
- \_\_\_\_\_ strengthened – the name of \_\_\_\_\_

**c. The Restatement**

Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

- The belief
- The power - given through \_\_\_\_\_
- The complete healing ("whole-inheritance")
- The witnesses (the people)

#### Summary Thoughts:

1. *What can we give?*
2. *Who gets the credit?*
3. *How might we use circumstances?*
4. *What is our message?*
5. *Can a sinner be used? (33/8)*