

MIRACLE TO CONFIRM THE MESSAGE – ACTS 3:1-10

1 THE SCENE

3:1-3

¹Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. ²And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; ³who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. (Acts 3:1-3)

- This was the time of the evening sacrifice and the evening prayer. So, there were a lot of people there.
- This lame beggar was brought to this gate for years. We learn later he was over forty years old (Ac.4:22). He was born lame.

2 THE SIGN

3:4-7

⁴And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." ⁵So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." ⁷And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. (Acts 3:4-7)

A It was Unexpected — Sovereign (v.4-5)

- The miracle was unexpected because it was sovereign. It was God doing it. He looked for money, instead he got a miracle.
- It was unexpected. He never dreamed this would happen. That is how the sovereignty of God works.

B In the Name of Jesus Christ — Supernatural (v.6)

- Peter is speaking in behalf of Christ because this is what He wants. That is what it means to pray in His name (Jn.15).

C It Was Instantaneous — Sudden (v.7)

- The power was Christ's but the hand was Peter's in compassion.
- God gave Peter the supernatural ability to trust Him for something completely out of the ordinary.

D It Was Complete — Sufficient (v.8)

- Notice how fast he starts walking. Never walked his whole life. He was up and moving. He didn't need any help.



3 THE SEQUEL

3:8-10

⁸So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. ⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. (Acts 3:8-10)

A Joy Toward Man (v.8)

- This guy was full of joy. Can you imagine? He wanted all to know what he was experiencing.

B Praise Toward God (v.9)

- He gave God the glory. True worship is praising God with a heart full of joy.

C Testimony to the People (v.10)

- How did the unbelieving Jews handle that problem? They couldn't.



4 THE SERMON

3:11-26