

This evening, we'll read about a man miraculously healed in The Name of Jesus Christ. The Lord heals the man, and then Peter gives an awesome Gospel message. Some key points to notice:

- Jesus Is Able to do the impossible
- Peter rightly gives all the glory to *God* for the miracle that was done
- Jesus - killed and raised - the central theme of Peter's message

[Read Acts 3](#)

Peter and John went up to the Temple at the ninth hour, which was 3PM. A man who had been lame (*the Greek word can also mean 'limping'*) from his mother's womb saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, and asked to receive alms. The Greek word for 'alms' means 'pity' or 'mercy,' and it was basically money given to the poor. So here's this guy who had some kind of disability his whole life asking for money, and how does Peter respond (v.6)? The disabled man had only asked for money, but God provided something far better – *He healed the man completely!* We can learn a few things from this event:

1. **There is nothing difficult for Jesus Christ!** Let's check out [Luke 5:17-26](#). Jesus can do all things, and nothing is too hard for Him. And since we know that Jesus Christ Is The Same yesterday, today, and forever (*Hebrews 13:8*), He can still forgive, heal, and provide for us *today!*
2. **We may be seeking help for a symptom, but God may fix the root problem itself!** We often underestimate the power of our Amazing God, but why? Is He not The One Who brought His people out of Egypt and divided the waters for them, The One Who Rescued Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (*Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego*) from the blazing fire, and The One Who Was With Daniel in the lion's den? Why do we doubt that He can *still* do such things, or that He can do such things for *us*?

And notice vv. 11-13... Peter had a prime opportunity to receive glory and be exalted after The Lord used him in the disabled man's healing. But what did Peter do?

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What are some things we can learn from this? _____

Take note of Peter's boldness and directness in vv.13-15. **You!**

Acts 3 also provides us with several great titles for our Lord Jesus Christ. In vv.13-15, 20, and 22, we see that Jesus Is: **God's Servant, The Holy and Righteous One, The Prince of Life, The Christ/Messiah/Anointed One,** and **The Prophet.** Remember, *Jesus* is The Central Theme – Jesus killed, and Jesus raised. It's all about **JESUS!**

v.16 – Do we have faith in His Name? Do we really? This is a sobering question for us to ponder.

v.19 – **REPENT!** The Greek word for repent is μετανοεω (mett-uh-nah-eh-o), and means: 'to think differently, to perceive afterwards, to change one's mind/opinion.' When we repent, we change our thinking about something – we agree with God's thoughts, and we adjust our thinking to line up with **HIS**. This isn't just a mental thing... it will be shown in our actions and choices as well. And **RETURN!** This Greek word means 'to turn, to turn about, to correct, to amend.' When we turn to The Lord, we are to turn *away from* wrong thoughts, and wrong actions.

vv.20-21 – Jesus is coming back. Don't ever forget this historical event yet-to-take-place!

vv.22-23 – Heed **everything** that Jesus declares! *Everything* means everything. What does v.23 say will happen to those who don't heed this Prophet? _____

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Analyze the titles of Jesus found in this chapter –
what do they mean, and what do they mean for your life?