

Acts 3

Lesson 10

Time Frame of Events of Acts 3

- Not known how much time had passed between Pentecost and the events of Acts 3. (Weeks, and perhaps even a few months)
- It was at this point that a series of conflicts (opposition to the gospel) are recorded

The Lame Man Healed (1-11)

- Peter and John at the temple
- Nature of healing: Lame since birth (It really was a miracle!)
- Gate called "Beautiful"
- He expected the material (alms) ... Peter gave him something of greater value (miraculous healing).
- Miracle was instantaneous and verifiable
- Purpose of miracle (to attest to the divine) cf. John 20:30-31
- Note: Miracle is not the source of faith, but readies the mind to believe (cf. Romans 10:17)

Peter's Second Sermon (12-26)

- The miracle gave Peter an audience
- Miracles come from God, not men
- Peter immediately convicted the listeners of their guilt in crucifying Jesus (13-15)
- Peter identified Jesus as the source of the divine miracle (16)
- The Jews, in ignorance, accomplished the will of God in bringing about the redemption of man (17-18)
- Peter called the Jews to repent unto salvation (19-21)
- Peter gave proof of Jesus as the Messiah by appealing to the prophets and their predictions of the Man of God sent for redemption (22-26)

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