

BIBLE STUDY – ACTS Chapter 3

Read 3:1-10

1. Devout Jews had developed patterns of prayer at specific times. Three in the afternoon – the ninth hour as the Jews reckoned it – was one of three hours of prayer. The others were 9:00 A.M. and sunset. There was a daily sacrifice at 3:00 P.M. called “the evening sacrifice.” It was an hour of “peak activity” at the temple. What prayer patterns do you have?
2. The lame man is marked by Torah as “blemished,” a condition that excludes an animal from being used for sacrifice, and a human being from becoming a priest. This man was destitute but the beneficiary of community care. (TLSB) The favorite entrance to the temple court and was the best place to place the lame man.

How does verse 4 show that the apostles were really personally connected to the beggar?

3. In verse 6 Peter says “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.” What did that mean?
4. In verse 7 the lame man is helped to his feet to stand. What does that show about the lame man?
5. How does the lame man react to this miracle?

Read 3:11-26

6. How does Peter in verses 11-12 once again give credit to God for this miracle?
7. Peter uses this situation to preach a sermon. The Law always accuses. Look at verses 13-15. What does Peter accuse them of doing?
8. Read verse 17. Was and is ignorance an excuse for sinning?
9. The Gospel always tells what has done and continues to do. Look at verses 18-21, 25-26. What are things that God had done for them?
10. In a sermon there is often near the end on what redirection needs to be made. Look at verse 26. What correction of behavior is to be made?