

4. A miracle and a message (Acts 3)

Peter's proclamation...

“Therefore
let all the house of Israel know for certain
that God has made this **Jesus,**
whom you crucified,
both Lord and Christ.”
(Acts 2:36)

The crowd's reaction...

When they heard this
they were cut to the heart...

“What shall we do?”

(Acts 2:37)



“Be saved from this crooked generation.”

(Acts 2:40)

New life...

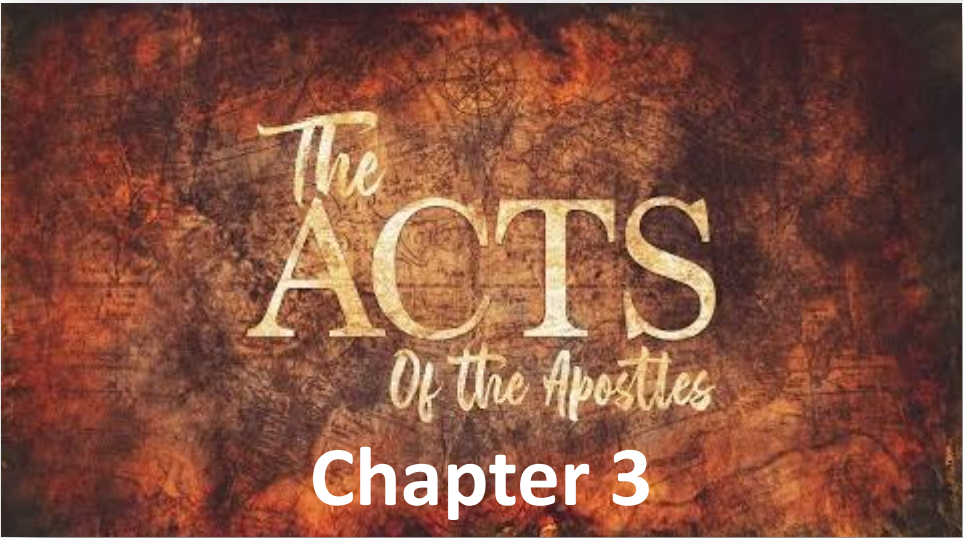
By this all will know
that you are My disciples,
if you have **love** for one another.
(John 13:35)

**Now all who believed were together,
and had all things in common...**

(Acts 2:44)

And the Lord added daily those who were being saved.

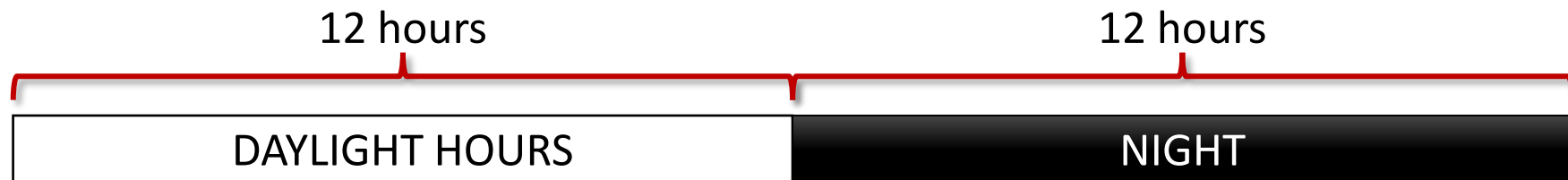
(Acts 2:47)



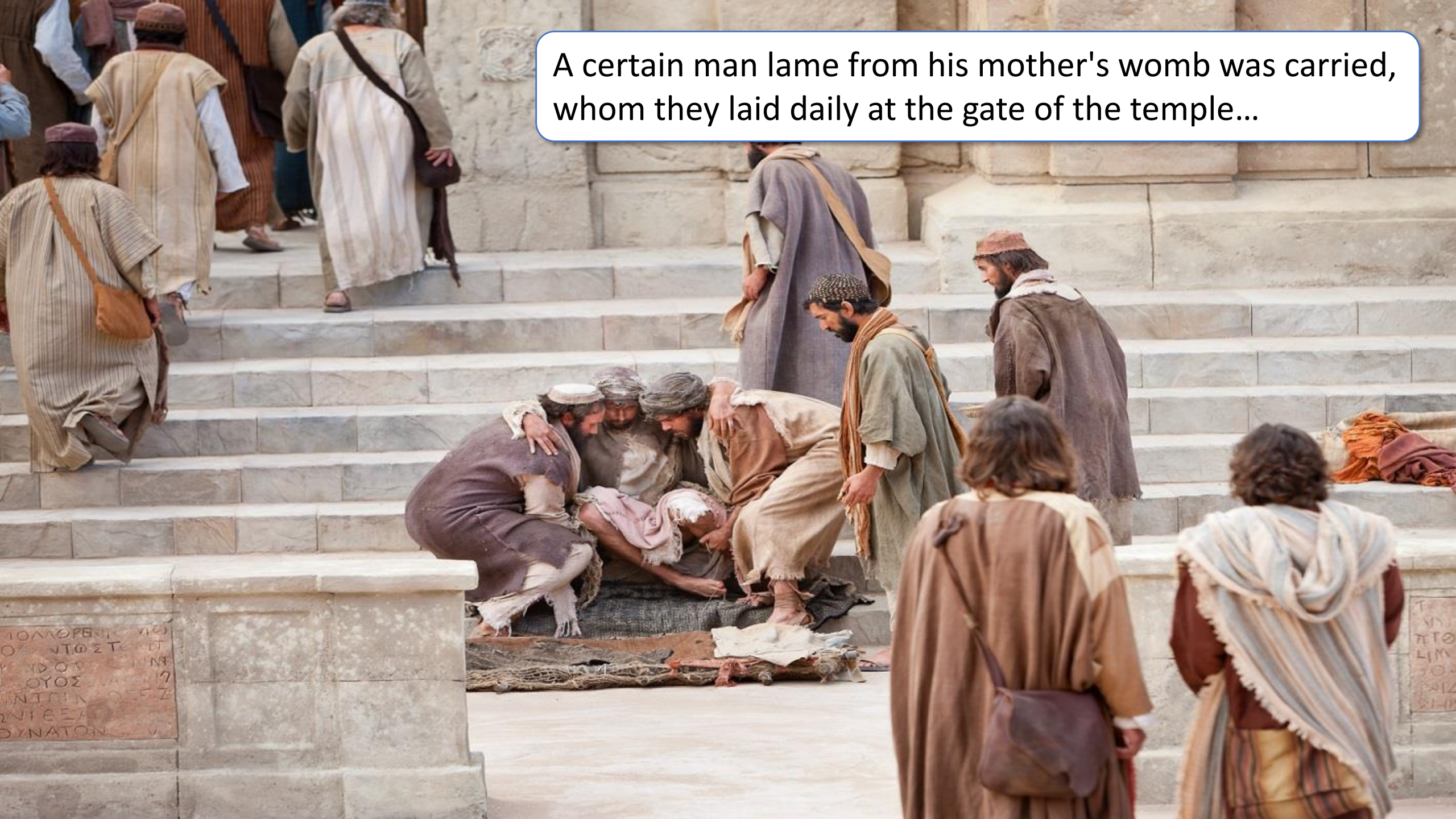
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ACTS
Of the Apostles
Chapter 3

Now Peter and John went up together to the temple
at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour...

(Acts 3:1)



A certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple...



*I have no silver and gold,
but what I do have I give to you.
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
rise up and walk!*





And leaping up, he stood and began to walk,
and entered the temple with them,
walking and leaping and praising God.
And all the people saw him...

While he clung to Peter and John,
all the people, utterly astounded,
ran together to them...

**And when Peter saw it
he addressed the people...**

(Acts 3:8-12)

PETER SPEAKS TO THE CROWD

(Acts 3:12-26)

Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶ And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷ And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled.

¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.

Deuteronomy
18:15,18,19

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²⁵ You are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, *'And in your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.'*

²⁶ God, having raised up His servant, sent Him to you first, to bless you by turning every one of you from your wickedness.

What had these people done?

What does this healing prove?

Why is this quotation here?

What is the blessing here?

How did Peter and John feel?

How was the man healed?

What must they do now?

What is this quotation about?

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Genesis 12:3

Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them ... and **put them in custody** until the next day, for it was already evening.

However, **many of those who heard the word believed;** and the number of the men came to be about **five thousand**.

(Acts 4:1-4)

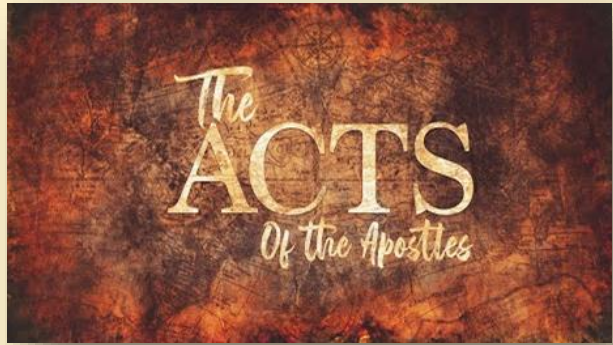
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Next: The opposition begins...