

# Studies in Acts

## Study four

**Key verse:** Acts 3:16

By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong.

**Kick Off**



**Big Idea:** The power of Jesus is present for the purposes of Jesus to be fulfilled.

When was the last time you jumped for joy? And what was the occasion that made you do so?

### STUDY

**Read Acts 3:1-1-26.**

*Healing and teaching both go together in the book of Acts as they did in the ministry of Jesus. Both are made possible by the power of the Spirit of God. In this case of healing the cripple we have a picture in this physical healing of the spiritual truths regarding the gospel of Salvation.*

1. Why is the beggar sitting at the temple gate? cf 2 Samuel 5:8.
  
2. How does this story of a physical healing highlight the truth of the gospel in these areas:
  - a. The man's need
  
  - b. the necessity of faith
  
  - c. the importance of personal witness
  
  - d. the assurance of salvation
  
  - e. the miracle of salvation itself.
  
3. Much has been made of the need for personal faith in relation to 'faith healings' and the like. But from this passage is there any indication that the beggar had any faith?

Who are the crowds accrediting the miracle too v12?

Whose faith enabled the beggar to be healed v 16?

Have you ever been the link between Christ and a person in need as Peter was that day?

4. Peter explains what happened in vv11-26. What sins does he charge against the nation of Israel?

5. What promises does he make to them and on what condition?

6. How far are his words applicable to us who are not Jews?

## THINK AND APPLY

In many ways we are all spiritually like this cripple and we all have a great need for the healing power of Jesus to be restoring us. Are there areas in your life where you would like to be healed and how can Jesus heal today?

Peter's faith in God empowered him to heal in the authority of Christ. What would increase your belief that God can and will work through you for the good of others?

When is it proper to come on strong against a person's sin as Peter does in vv13-15?

How has repentance and turning to God brought times of real refreshment to you?

## PRAYER

**What can you pray about arising from this study?**



**For next week  
Read  
Acts 4:1-31**