

## Ain't Got No Money

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Acts / Peter heals a lame beggar / Ac 3:1–11; Acts 3:6

Then Peter and John told the better that they had no money he was discouraged because had no hope outside of that. He was confused when they said they offer what they do have. When he was completely healed the blind beggar did not know how to contain his joy. His life was radically changed. What does all this mean for us today. Stay tuned...

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Lot's of song

Lot's of poems

Saying:

We ain't got no money but at least we have love.”

- Similar lyric was spoken
  - 2000 years ago.

[Acts 3:1–6](#) (ESV)

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple.

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Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold,

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but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

- Put yourself in his shoes.
  - Life is tough.
  - lame from birth
  - never walked
  - temple begger
    - everyone saw him
    - recognized
    - always there
      - some judged him
      - some pitied him
      - few befriended him

- Saw Peter and John
  - please...
  - “spare some change.”
- When they said..
  - “look at us...”
- He was sure,
  - they will give him money.
- Their next words,
  - “I have no silver or gold.”
  - “I ain’t got no money.”
- Immediately man
  - head down.
  - rejected again.
  - hopeless future.

- They continue talking...
- “but what I do have I give to you.”
  - oh no... what now?
    - lecture
    - joke
    - unwanted “help”
- All is fears were wrong.
- He got much more
  - than he bargained for.

“In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!”

- He gave him
  - unspoken request
  - silent desire
  - un-hoped for solution
  - yearning of heart.

**Acts 3:7 ESV**

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

- Dormant muscles
- latent ligaments
- inoperative tendon
  - spring to action!
- They work!!!
- Can you imagine the joy?

**Acts 3:8 ESV**

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

- Man is jumping!!!
  - Praise God.
- Temple

- normally quiet
  - normally solemn
  - soft worship
- Interrupted by
    - shouts of joy.
    - Jumping...
  - Just can't stop jumping
    - feet never felt movements
    - So excited!!!

**Acts 3:10 ESV**

and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- They all recognized him.
  - they knew him.
  - every day...

**Acts 3:11 ESV**

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.

- Crowd gathers
  - everyone in awe...
- People don't know what to think...

[Acts 3:12-16](#) (ESV)

And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "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?

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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.

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But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be

granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

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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.

- Ouch...
  - those words sting a little.
- How was this man healed?
- They messiah
  - that you killed
    - has healed him...
- Not terribly far fetched.
- Everyone knew
  - Jesus acts of healing.
    - Jesus disciples
      - same gift.



- Here is problem...
  - in order to
  - celebrate with lame man
  - accept this healing
  - join in joy...
    - they must repent...
- I see it a lot.
  - people want the joy.
  - without the sorrow.
- They want the
  - blessings
  - benefits
  - help
  - aid
  - comfort

- convenience
- They want it
  - without the cost.
- The cost here
  - no small matter.
    - admit you were wrong.
    - you rejected God.
- Peter tries to ease the shame:

**Acts 3:17-19 ESV**

“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

- We all want grace.
- We all want forgiveness.
- We all want rewards instead of punishments.
  - Meeting the conditions.

- Don't claim God's promises.
  - Until conditions are met.
- Examples

**Romans 8:28 ESV**

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**1 John 1:9 ESV**

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Revelation 3:20 ESV**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

**Matthew 6:14 ESV**

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

- All of God's promises
  - come with conditions.
- Peter is offering them
  - deal of lifetime.

**Acts 3:19–20** **ESV**

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

- They get:
  - sins blotted out
  - Holy Spirit in life
  - Promise of Christ
- Conditions
  - repent
  - turn
- Many realized,
  - deal in my favor...
- Other rejected...

[Acts 4:1–4](#) (ESV)

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

- For some,
  - sacrifice to large.
    - Admit wrong
    - accept failure
    - public pressure
    - loss of social status
    - kicked out of temple
    - persecuted
    - rejected by family
- Many were convicted
  - not all responded.
- Priests

- Captain of Temple
- Sadducees
  - could not let go
    - cherished false theology
    - cherished position
- 5000
  - already believers
    - after Pentecost...

## Thrown in Jail

[Acts 4:5-7](#) (ESV)

On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and

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Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

- Thrown in jail.
  - they killed Jesus
- They remembered
  - disciples had run...
- They think
  - disciples can be
  - easily intimidated.
    - Night in jail
    - enough for them.
- But not so.
  - not what they expected

#### [Acts 4:8–10](#) (ESV)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a

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crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this

man is standing before you well.

- You killed Jesus
  - He is alive.
  - He did this miracle.
- Greatest fear.
  - Jesus resurrection.
  - Sect gain power...
- Not done.
- Goes on.
- Theological teaching.

**Acts 4:11–12 ESV**

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

- Familiar concept

**Psalms 118:22 ESV**

The stone that the builders rejected



has become the cornerstone.

## Cornerstone

### **Desire of Ages Chapter 65—The Temple Cleansed Again**

In quoting the prophecy of the rejected stone, Christ referred to an actual occurrence in the history of Israel. The incident was connected with the building of the first temple. While it had a special application at the time of Christ's first advent, and should have appealed with special force to the Jews, it has also a lesson for us. When the temple of Solomon was erected, the immense stones for the walls and the foundation were entirely prepared at the quarry; after they were brought to the place of building, not an instrument was to be used upon them; the workmen had only to place them in position. For use in the foundation, one stone of unusual size and peculiar shape had been brought; but the workmen could find no place for it, and would not accept it. It was an annoyance to them as it lay unused in their way. Long it remained a rejected stone. But when the builders came to the laying of the corner, they searched for a long time to find a stone of sufficient size and strength, and of the proper shape, to take that particular place, and bear the great weight which would rest upon it. Should they make an unwise choice for this important place, the safety of the entire building would be endangered. They must find a stone capable of resisting the influence of the sun, of frost, and of tempest. Several stones had at different times been chosen, but under the pressure of immense weights they had crumbled to pieces. Others could not bear the test of the sudden atmospheric changes. But at last attention was called to the stone so long rejected. It had been exposed to the air, to sun and storm, without revealing the slightest crack. The builders examined this stone. It had borne every test but one. If it could bear the test of severe pressure, they decided to accept it for the cornerstone. The trial was made. The stone was accepted, brought to its assigned position, and found to be an exact fit.

- Christ said,
  - metaphor of
    - his rejection.
- Like the cornerstone.
  - One thing they needed.
    - sure foundation.
    - build entire temple
    - necessary for success.
      - but rejected.
- Like Christ

**Acts 4:12 ESV**

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

- Salvation only comes
  - through him.
- You reject him.
  - not hope...

- Next words
  - wish people
  - say of
    - me
    - or you.

**Acts 4:13 ESV**

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

- In the voice of Peter
  - they heard voice of Jesus
- They thought,
  - disciples were
    - uneducated
    - un-theological
    - unable to speak
    - afraid of death

- They were wrong.
  - disciples had been changed.
  - Pentecost
  - Holy Spirit

[Acts 4:14-17](#) (ESV)

But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

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But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another, saying, “What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

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But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name.”

- They still thought,
  - they could threaten
- Better not preach,
  - or else...!

- Peter's answer

- clear as day.

[Acts 4:18-20](#) (ESV)

So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them,

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“Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

- You can threaten,
- You can intimidate,
- You can terrorize,
  - I'm not going to
    - stop talking about Jesus.
- They wanted to
  - punishment
  - force them to conform

- kill them
- silence them
  - any means necessary.
- They would have
  - but couldn't.

**Acts 4:21-22 ESV**

And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened. For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

- Disciples knew
  - not hallow threats.
- Leaders would not
  - stop at anything
    - even their lives.
- Went home
  - had prayer meeting.

- What did they prayer for?
  - Peace?
  - Protection?
  - Way of escape?
  - Lightning bolts?

[Acts 4:29](#) (ESV)

And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness...

- Today,
  - we need to
    - pray same prayer.
- This world.
  - does not need,
    - more money
    - more educated leaders
    - more technology.

- Handful of believers
  - to pray for boldness.
  - Share the truth.

## Appeal

- Are you willing
  - to pray that prayer?
- Know this.
  - It could cost everything.
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