ACTS 3

What I Do Have I Give to You

a beggar at the Beautiful Gate, a name that makes the lame walk, and a call to repent and be refreshed

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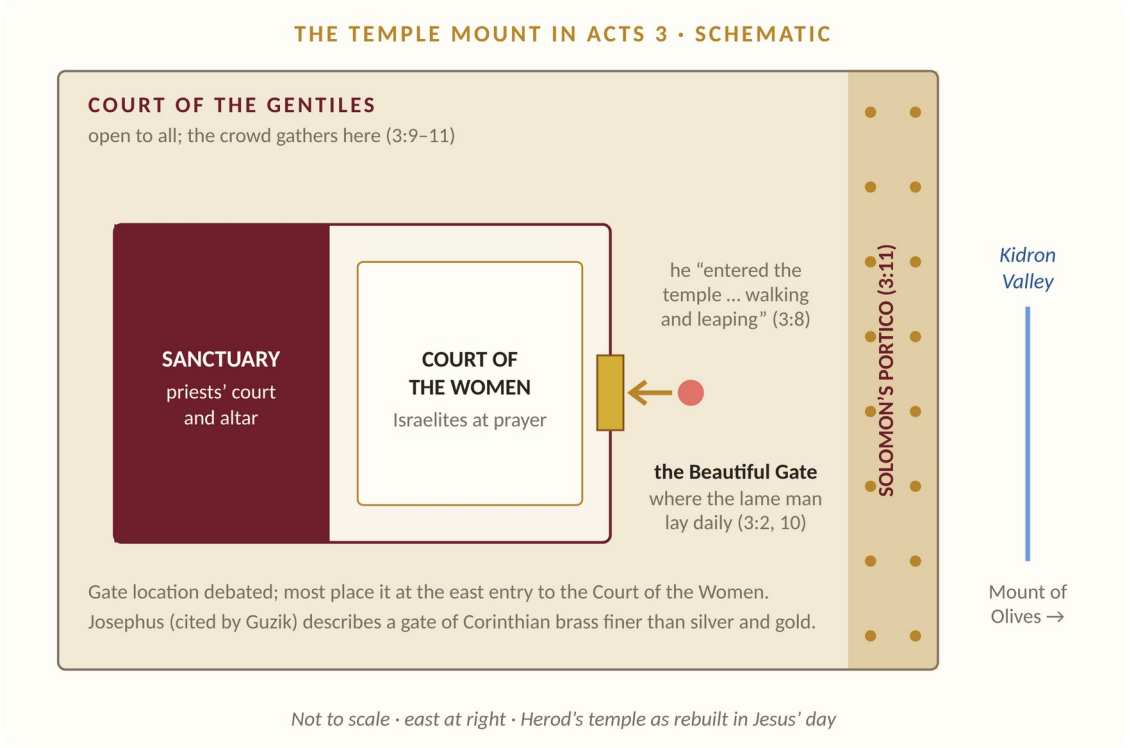
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Where Luke has brought us

1. Acts 2 ended with a church of some three thousand new believers “continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” (2:42), and Luke…

2. The ninth hour, about three in the afternoon, was the hour of the evening sacrifice and prayer.

3. The man is more than forty years old (4:22) and has never walked.



What I Do Have I Give to You

The hour of prayer, a beggar at the Beautiful Gate, and the name that makes the lame walk

ACTS 3:6

But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!"

DAVID GUZIK

He asked for support; Jesus wanted to change his condition.

R.C. SPROUL

Born lame, laid by a symbol of wealth; Peter looked him in the eye.

C.H. SPURGEON

The old gives way when the new is ready; the name gave him ankles.

MATTHEW HENRY

Poor in money, rich in grace; praise proved the cure complete.

ὡραία

HŌRAIA · "BEAUTIFUL"

From hōra, hour or season: something "timely," in its prime, lovely to look at.

Why Do You Gaze at Us?

A crowd in Solomon's portico, the God of the fathers, and the Prince of life they put to death

ACTS 3:14

"But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,

DAVID GUZIK

Amazed is not saved; it was all of Jesus, nothing of Peter.

R.C. SPROUL

Preaching with conviction; marvel that you are still alive.

C.H. SPURGEON

Easy to draw a crowd; it took courage to speak like that.

MATTHEW HENRY

Respect God's instruments, never idolize them; cast every crown at Christ's feet.

ἀρχηγός
ARCHĒGOS · "PRINCE"

A leader who goes first and opens the way for others: a pioneer, founder, author, champion.

You did, God did

"YOU" AND "GOD" IN PETER'S SERMON · ACTS 3:13–18

WHAT YOU DID	WHAT GOD DID
delivered and disowned Him before Pilate (v13)	glorified His servant Jesus (v13)
disowned the Holy and Righteous One (v14)	— the One you disowned was holy
asked for a murderer instead (v14)	gave you the Prince of life (v15)
put to death the Prince of life (v15)	raised Him from the dead (v15)
acted in ignorance, with your rulers (v17)	fulfilled what all the prophets announced (v18)

"THEREFORE REPENT AND RETURN" (v19)

God turned the worst thing they did into the very thing that saves them

Read across each row: Peter sets what Israel did to Jesus beside what God did with Him, and the gap between the two columns is where the call to repent comes in.

Repent and Return

Ignorance, times of refreshing, the Prophet like Moses, and the blessing promised to Abraham

ACTS 3:19

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

DAVID GUZIK

Repent means turn around; Jesus returns when Israel repents.

R.C. SPROUL

Evincible ignorance — no excuse; everyone knows God exists.

C.H. SPURGEON

Repentance is a changed mind, the Spirit's work; sins wiped like wax.

MATTHEW HENRY

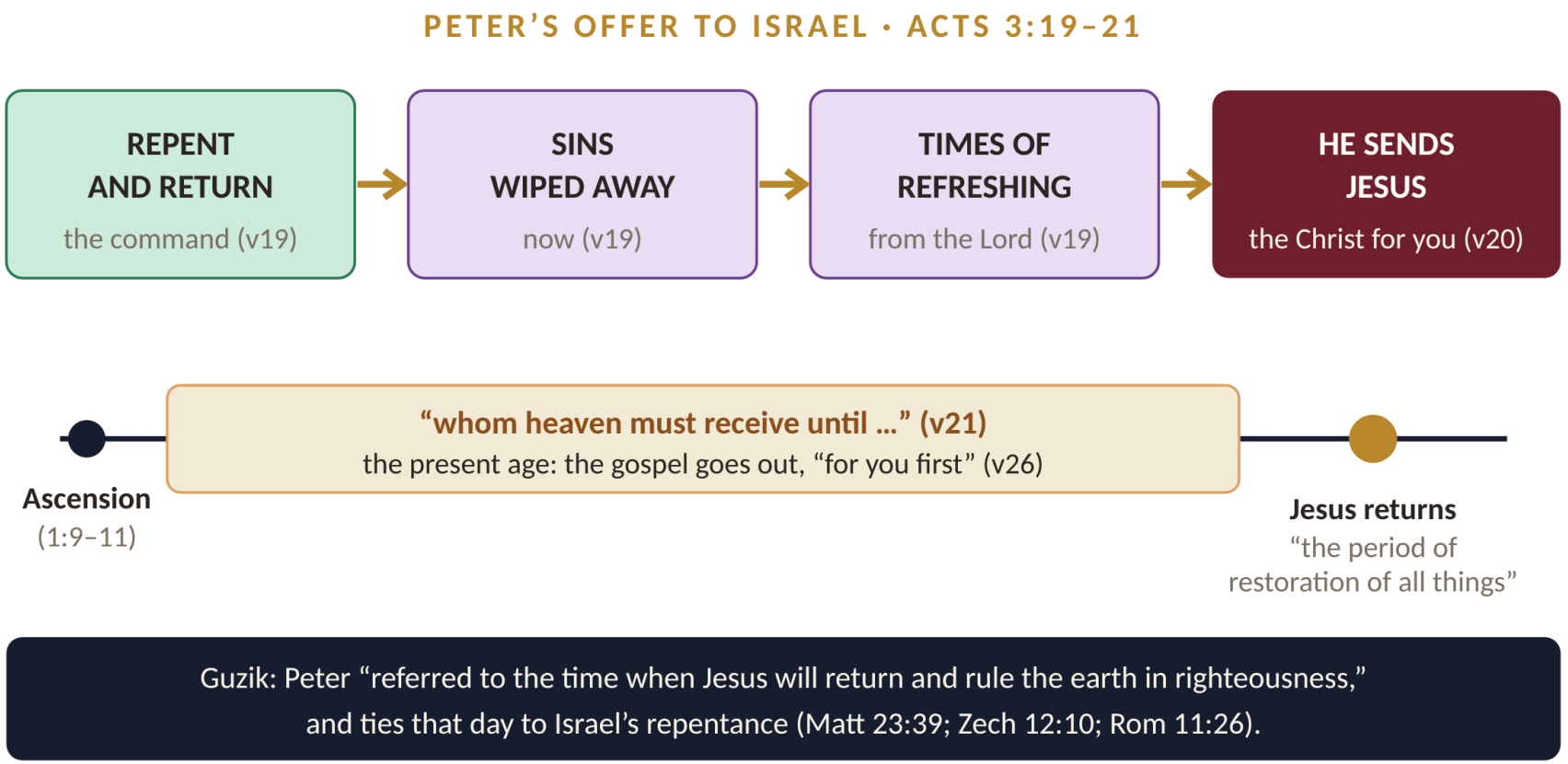
Remission is blotting out; hear the Prophet or meet the destroyer.

ἐξαλειφθῆναι

EXALEIPHTHĒNAI · "WIPED AWAY"

To wipe off, smear out, erase — as a wax writing tablet is smoothed flat; Spurgeon's sermon on this verse uses that wax-tablet picture.

Peter's offer



The top row is the order of Peter's offer in verses 19–20; the line below shows Jesus held in heaven now, until the restoration of all things at His return.

What to carry from this chapter

1

Jesus had walked past him.

Guzik: “Jesus must have passed him by many times without healing him.”

2

He wanted support; God wanted change.

“The lame man simply wanted to be supported in the condition that he was in” (Guzik).

3

No silver, no gold, all Christ.

Henry: “Those who are poor in the world may yet be rich, very rich, in spiritual gifts.”

4

The lame leap.

Luke uses exallomai and hallomai in one verse (3:8).

More to carry

5

Praise proves the cure.

Henry: “The best evidence that it was a complete cure was that he now praised God for it.”

6

Get out of the way.

“Peter knew that it was all of Jesus and nothing was of him” (Guzik).

7

They killed the Prince of life.

Archēgos is the pioneer who leads the way into life (3:15; Heb 12:2).

8

Ignorance explains; it does not excuse.

Peter is gracious (v17), but Sproul calls it “evincible ignorance” — and still they must repent.

Talk it through

1. The lame man asked for coins and got his feet. Where am I asking God only to make my present condition bearable, when He wants to change it?

2. Peter said, “What I do have I give to you.” I may not have money — what do I have from Jesus that I could give someone this week?

3. The healed man went in “walking and leaping and praising God.” When did I last praise God out loud for what He did for me?

4. Peter refused the credit: “why do you gaze at us?” Where am I tempted to take credit for what God has done through me?

5. Peter says repentance is turning around, not just feeling sorry. What would turning around actually look like for me this week?

CLOSING

Acts 3 begins with a man who has never stood on his feet and ends with an offer to a whole nation: turn around, have your sins wiped away, and wait for the Messiah God has appointed for you. Peter had nothing in his pockets and everything in the name of Jesus. Bring Him your lameness, and when He lifts you up, go in praising God.

Teaching the Word. Watching the Times. — Smith For Christ

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