

**The Book of Acts  
Week 5**

**Study Guide and Discussion Questions**

**THE FIRST MIRACLE OF THE APOSTLES**

**Read Acts 3 - 4:23**

**1. Verses 3:1-8**

**Here we see for the first time since Jesus ascended ordinary men doing extraordinary deeds. The lame man, who was more than 40 years old, is begging for alms. Look at what Peter and John say to him at first.**

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**2. Have you ever thought to pray for someone, pray over someone who needed something from you that you could not give? Do you believe that God could use you the same way? Why or why not?**

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**3. Verses 3:8-11 How do the people know a miracle has happened? How do they respond when they see the lame man walking?**

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**4. Verse 3:12 What does Peter do when he sees the people responding to the miracle?**

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**5. Verses 3:13-19 Peter preaches again to the Jews at the Temple. Again he begins with their rejection of Jesus as the Messiah. Why does he begin this way? Why not go straight to the miracle?**

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**6. Verse 3:21 “Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”**

**What do you think is meant by *the restitution of all things*?**

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**Peter and John go on to remind the people of all the prophets had foretold about Jesus, once again to show that Jesus was indeed the long awaited Messiah.**

**As they preach in temple, the Sadducees, take notice and come to question them. The Sadducees were a sect of Jewish priests who did not believe in resurrection. This angered them very much.**

**So they seize Peter and John and put them in prison overnight because it is too late to question them.**

**It is interesting to note that Peter and John came to the temple to pray in the afternoon and now it is evening. They have spent hours preaching and teaching the people. Have you ever been engaged in doing something for the Lord and time just slips away?**

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**7. What is the result of their preaching that afternoon?**

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After spending the night in jail, the rulers call upon Peter and John to explain themselves and the miracle they performed. Again they preach Christ – mistreated at their hands, crucified and risen.

**8. Verse 4:11 is a much cited verse: “He is the *STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED* by you, *THE BUILDERS*, but *WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE*.” NASB version.**

**What does it mean?**

Where does this saying come from?

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What is the “Stone”:

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Who are the “Builders”:

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What is a Chief Cornerstone? Why is that important?

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**9. Verse 4:13 Why do they marvel at the teaching of Peter and John? Remember what their occupation was before they met Jesus? Why do you think the Lord chose unlearned men to represent His Kingdom to the Chief Priests? He could have sent Matthew? Or one of the other more learned men.**

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**10. Verse 4:14-20 The Priests know a miracle has occurred and all of the Jerusalem knows it now too. They are in a quandary. What shall they do to these men? They decided to forbid them from speaking of Jesus again. What is Peter and John’s response to that?**

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**11. Verse 4:21 What is the Priests response to that?**

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