

## Acts 3:1–26 – Jesus Heals the Broken

### 1. Welcome & Opening

“What is something broken that you once thought could never be fixed?”

(Object, relationship, situation, etc.)

### 2. Introduction: Story: St. Patrick

Born around **389 AD**

Kidnapped at **age 16** and enslaved in Ireland

- Encountered God deeply during suffering Later returned as a missionary
- Established **hundreds of churches and many conversions**
- Historical accounts say people were healed from many conditions in his ministry.

Stories of healing in history can feel distant... but what about **today?** What about **our brokenness?**

- What kinds of brokenness do people experience today?
- Why do you think healing stories sometimes feel hard to believe?

### 3. Read the Passage

Read **Acts 3:1–11**

### 4. Discussion: The Healing

#### 1. The Beggar Had No Identity

- He was crippled and dependent on begging.
- He sat at the temple gate called **Beautiful** where many passed.
- Why might people have avoided looking at him?
- How does society treat the “invisible” today?

#### 2. He Asked for Money — Not Healing

The man expected **money**, but God had **something greater**.

- Have you ever asked God for something small while He had something bigger in mind?
- Why do we sometimes limit what God can do?

#### 3. Peter and John Saw Him

They **looked directly at him**.

- Why is being seen so important for people who feel broken or overlooked?
- Who are the “invisible” people around us?

#### 4. The Healing Came Through Jesus

Peter said: “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

In Jewish thinking, a **name represents the nature and authority of a person.**

- Why was it important that Peter made it clear the power came from Jesus?
- What does this teach us about praying for others?

## 5. Healing Restored His Identity

The man: Walked Jumped Praised God Became a **living testimony**

Discussion: How does Jesus restore more than just physical healing?

## 5. Peter's Message (Acts 3:12–26))

Read **Acts 3:12–16.**

### Key Point

Peter uses the miracle to point people to Jesus.

Important themes: The miracle was **not the apostles' power** Jesus is the **Author of Life**

- The crowd is called to **repent and turn to God**

Focus verse: **Acts 3:19**

“Repent then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.”

- Why do miracles often create opportunities to talk about Jesus?
- How does repentance bring healing to our lives?

## 6. Faith and the “Here but Not Yet” Kingdom

Important truths:

- God still heals today. Not everyone we pray for is healed immediately.
- Our role is to **pray in faith**; God determines the outcome.
- What is something you no longer have faith for because it feels too far gone?
- Why can praying for healing feel risky?

### Faith often requires risk.

Our goal when praying: That people experience **God's love**, regardless of the outcome.

**7. Prayer & Ministry Time:** Prayer Over Each Other for Healing: Ask: “Do you believe Jesus can heal?”

- Do you know Jesus as the healer of your soul?
- Physical
- Emotional
- Trauma
- Addictions, Brokenness, Marriages, Relationships, \_\_\_\_\_