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Luke, the beloved physician, what an interesting person he must have been. The renowned archaeologist Sir William Ramsey wrote of him: Luke is a historian of the first rank. Not merely are his statements of fact trustworthy... but he should be placed along with the very greatest of historians. Luke has been compared with the Greek historian, Thucydides, who is often called: the father of scientific history... because of his strict standards of evidence gathering and analysis. Luke was not an eye-witness to Christ; but he was a disciple of Paul.

The previous verse ended saying: Then those who gladly welcomed his word were baptized: and the same day there were added to them about 3,000 souls.

The healing of a lame man

**<sup>1</sup> Now Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour / about 3:pm.**

**<sup>2</sup> And a man who was lame from birth was carried there. They daily put him at the temple gate called Beautiful, so he could beg from those who entering the temple;**

**<sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter the temple, he asked for money.**

**<sup>4</sup> Peter along with John fixed their gaze on him, and said, Look at us.**

**<sup>5</sup> So he turned to them, expecting to get something from them.**

**<sup>6</sup> But Peter said, I have no silver or gold; but what I do have I give to you:**

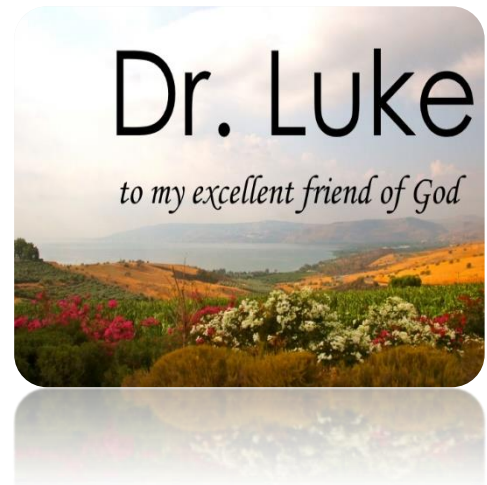
**In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth get up and walk.**

**<sup>7</sup> And he grabbed him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and at once his feet and ankles became strong.**

**<sup>8</sup> So with a leap, he jumped up, and began to walk; and entered the temple with them -- walking, and leaping, and praising God.**

**<sup>9</sup> And all the people saw him walking and praising God:**

**<sup>10</sup> and they realized he was the one who sat and begged at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with awe and astonishment at what had happened to him.**



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<sup>11</sup> And while he clung to Peter and John, all the people totally amazed, ran to them at the entrance called the portico of Solomon.

<sup>12</sup> But when Peter saw this, he sized up the situation and said to the people: **Israelites, why do you marvel at this? or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or good sense made this man to walk?**

<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified His Son Jesus; whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he decided to release Him.

<sup>14</sup> **But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One,** and asked for a murderer to be released to you;

<sup>15</sup> **and put to death the Prince of life,** whom God raised from the dead; **of whom we are eye-witnesses.**

<sup>16</sup> And on the basis of faith in His Name, it is the Name of Jesus who gave strength to this man, whom you see and know: yes, the faith which comes through Jesus has given him perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup> And now, brothers and sisters, I know you acted in ignorance, just as your leaders also did.

<sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what He in the past announced through all the prophets -- that Christ / the Messiah should suffer.

<sup>19</sup> Therefore METANOEA / **meta = change + noeo = mind and be changed** / they knew what Jesus knew; **without a changed mind, there will be no changed heart, that your sins are erased,**

**when the times of renewal come from the presence of the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> And He will send Jesus Christ / the Messiah, who was in the past preached to you:

<sup>21</sup> For now, heaven welcomes Him until the renewal of all things happens, which God spoke through all his holy prophets since the world began.

<sup>22</sup> For truly, Moses said to the patriarchs, **the Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me, from among your brothers; Listen to do everything He tells you.**

<sup>23</sup> And it will happen, that everyone who does not listen to that prophet, will be totally destroyed from among the people.

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<sup>24</sup> Yes, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and those after him, who also taught, also foretold these days.

<sup>25</sup> You are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our patriarchs, saying to Abraham,

**And in your seed / in Christ the Messiah... all the families of the earth will be blessed.**

<sup>26</sup> **For to you first**, God raised up His Son Jesus, and sent Him to bless you, by turning every one of you from your sins.