

EPISODE NO. 297

Acts 3:1-10

The Healing of a Lame Man

1 One day Peter and John went up to the temple courtyard. It was three o'clock in the afternoon. (This was the time for prayer.) 2 A man was there who had been crippled all his life. He couldn't walk, so some friends carried him to the temple every day. They put him beside one of the gates outside the temple. It was called Beautiful Gate. There the man begged for money from the people who were going into the temple area. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to go in, he began to ask them for money. 4 They looked straight at the crippled man and answered, "Look at us!" 5 He looked at them, thinking that they might give him some money. 6 But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold, but I do have something else I can give you. By the authority of Jesus the Messiah from Nazareth — walk!" 7 Then Peter took hold of the man's right hand and lifted him up. Immediately, the man's feet and legs became strong. 8 He jumped up and stood on his feet and he began to walk around. He went into the temple courtyard with them. He was walking and jumping and praising God. 9-10 All of the people recognized him. The people knew he was the beggar who always sat beside the temple's Beautiful Gate. Now they saw him walking and praising God. They were shocked and amazed. They couldn't understand how this could have happened.