

Take a Stand!
Acts 3:1-10
October 31, 2021

- Background –
 - Witnesses - Acts 1:8; Deut 19:15; Luke 10:1; Acts 1:26
 - Peter & John – Fishing partners (Luke 5:10); Prepared Passover (Luke 22:8); Ran to the tomb together (John 20:3-4); Later... (Acts 8:14)
- Story –
 - Peter & John going up to Temple at the time of prayer
 - Beggar - Crippled/ Lame from birth
 - Command given – “Look at us!”
 - Peter: No money, but I have something better...
 - In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth ... WALK!
 - Peter took him by the hand and he stood up!!!
 - He went with them into the Temple
 - Leaping and praising God! - See Isaiah 35:6!
 - Public Event – The people saw him walking....
- Connection w/ Jesus: See Luke 5:17-26 – The Healing of the Paralytic
 - Note: John 14:12
- Parallels to our spiritual condition –
 - He was lame - we are all born unable to walk in God’s ways
 - He was poor – we are bankrupt before God
 - He was outside the Temple – we are all sinners separated from the presence of God
 - He was healed wholly by the grace of God – we are too!
 - He gave evidence of what God had done by walking, leaping and praising God.
 - He identified himself with the apostles (Acts 3:11 & 4:14).

Application: What about you?

- Where do you stand?
 - Lame Beggar on the outside?
 - Saved by grace and invited in?
 - Healed and whole? – Start jumping!