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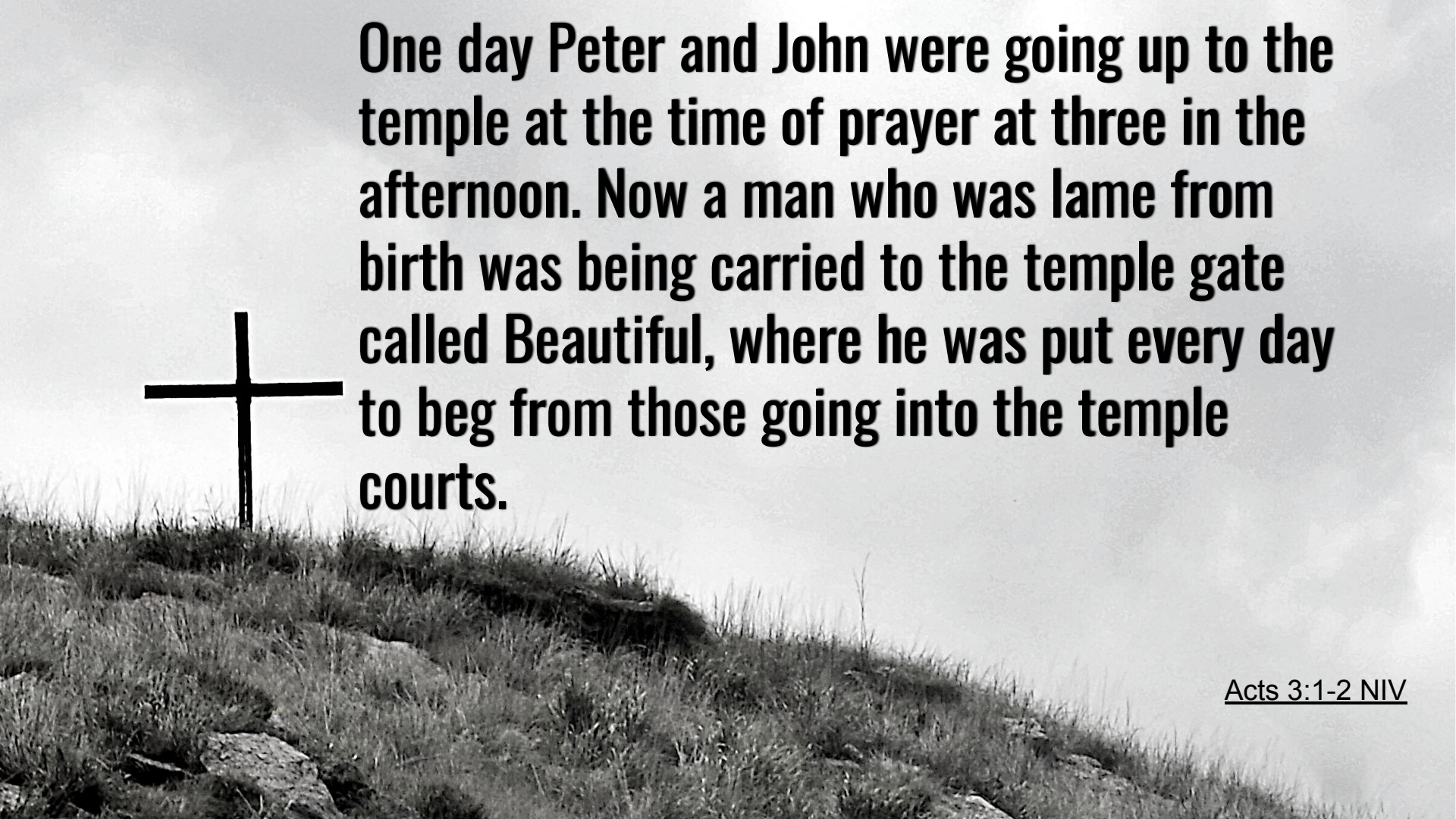
**ACTS: 1-12**

# Main Point

**Jesus' name is more than an identifier;  
It's an amplifier**







**One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer at three in the afternoon. Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts.**

Acts 3:1-2 NIV

**When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.**



Acts 3:3-5 NIV



**Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.**

Acts 3:6-7 NIV



**He jumped to his feet and began to walk.  
Then he went with them into the temple  
courts, walking and jumping, and praising  
God. When all the people saw him walking  
and praising God,**



Acts 3:8-9 NIV



**They recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**




Acts 3:10 NIV

# Faith in the Name of Jesus

- ❑ Man begged everyday in the same spot
- ❑ Peter gave what he had to give
- ❑ Healed in the name of Jesus







***“Ministry is acting in the Name of Jesus. When all our actions are in the Name, they will bear fruit for eternal life. To act in the Name of Jesus, however, doesn’t mean to act as a representative of Jesus or his spokesperson. It means to act in an intimate communion with him. The Name is like a house, a tent, a dwelling. To act in the Name of Jesus, therefore, means to act from the place where we are united with Jesus in love. To the question “Where are you?” we should be able to answer, “I am in the Name.” Then, whatever we do cannot be other than ministry because it will always be Jesus himself who acts in and through us. The final question for all who minister is “Are you in the Name of Jesus?”” When we can say yes to that, all of our lives will be ministry.”***

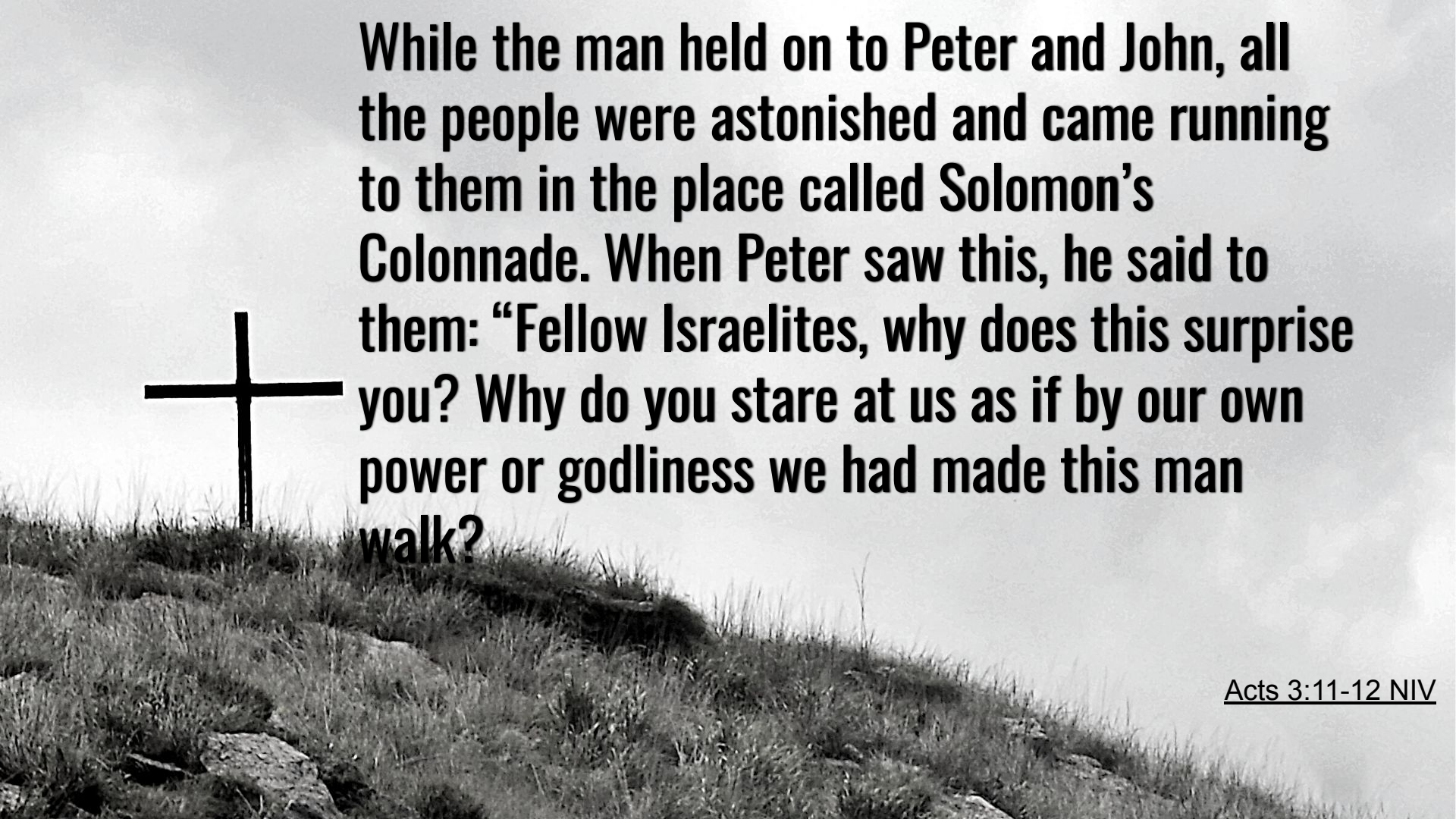
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# Faith in the Name of Jesus

- ❑ To have faith in Jesus we need to get to know Him
- ❑ Pray, Read, Listen
- ❑ See Him act, work and move

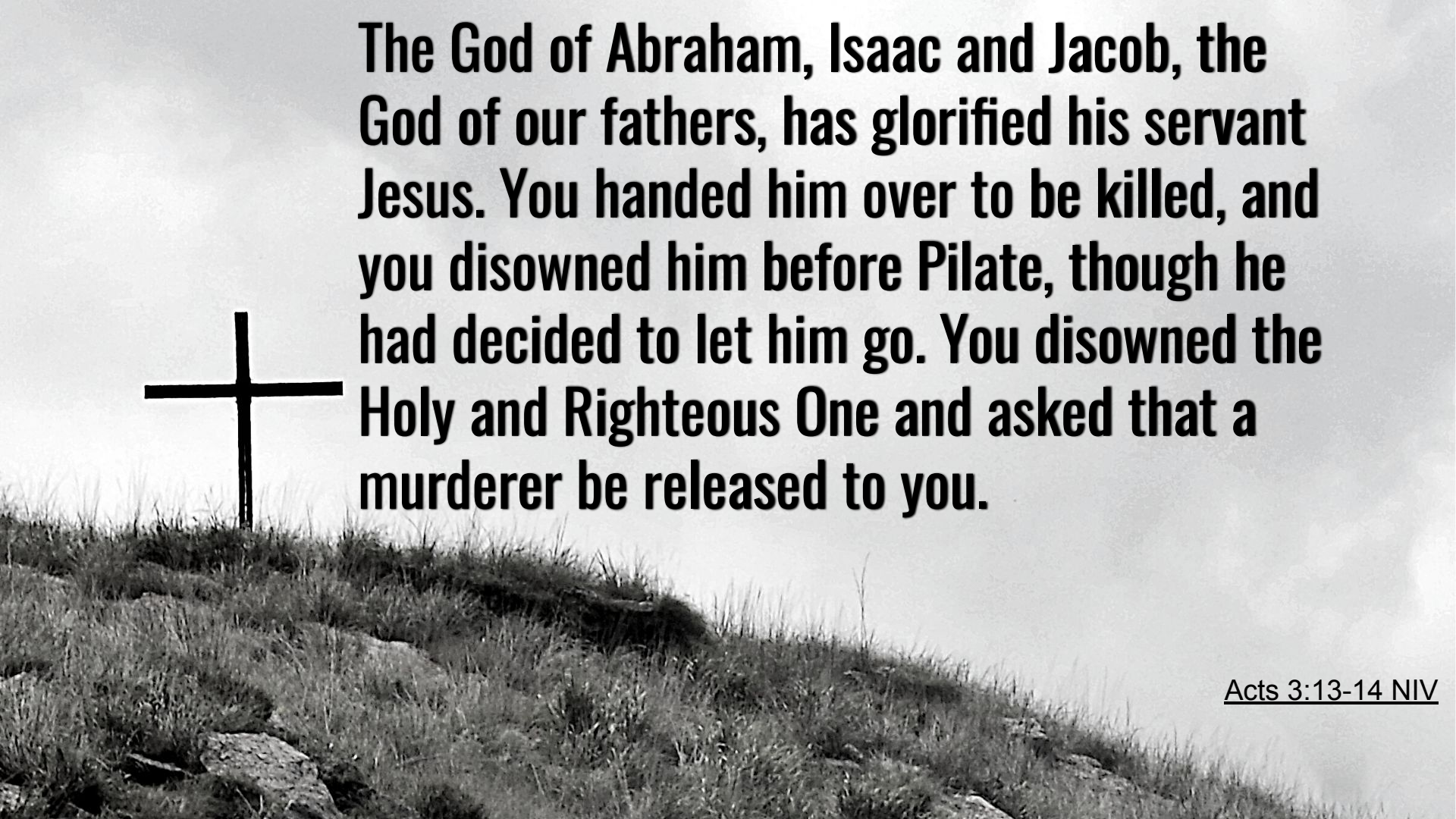






**While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"**


Acts 3:11-12 NIV



**The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.**

Acts 3:13-14 NIV





**You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.**

Acts 3:15-16 NIV

# Credit to the Name of Jesus

- ❑ Was it Peter? Was it magic?
- ❑ It was in the name Jesus
- ❑ Peter gave Jesus credit





# Credit to the Name of Jesus

- ❑ Jesus deserves credit
  - ❑ Doesn't need it
- ❑ Humility from us
  - ❑ *“Not thinking less of yourself but thinking of yourself less”* (CS Lewis)



**Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,**




Acts 3:17-19 NIV



**And that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.**




Acts 3:20-21 NIV



**For Moses said, ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people.’ “Indeed, beginning with Samuel, all the prophets who have spoken have foretold these days.**

Acts 3:22-24 NIV





**And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, ‘Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed.’ When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.”**

Acts 3:25-26 NIV

# Turn Life Around by the Name of Jesus

- ❑ Starts with repentance
- ❑ Refreshment will come
- ❑ Believing in the name of Jesus allows all of this to happen





# Turn Life Around by the Name of Jesus

- ☐ We can always turn around with Jesus
- ☐ No matter the shame, fear, or grief
- ☐ It is never too late



# Closing

- ❑ Realize how incredible the name of Jesus is
- ❑ Have faith in His name
- ❑ Give credit to His name
- ❑ Turn your life around by His name

