

**Joy in the Name of Jesus**  
**Acts 3:1-10**  
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How are Christians often like horses?

What is the place of Joy in the Christian life (John 15:11; 16:24)?

Acts Chapters 3-6 further explain Acts 2:43 (a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs).

**Setting the Scene v 1-5**

Peter and John go to the temple to pray

When was the ninth hour? What was happening then?

The early church was heavily Jewish, especially in Jerusalem.

What was the gate Beautiful?

Why was a beggar there?

**Seeking only Alms V 3**

“Just give me money.”

We strive to give the help they need, not merely the help they ask for.

If there were a beggar outside the church doors, what would you do?

The church is to minister the poor and needy in the name of Jesus.  
(Deuteronomy 15:4, 11)

Mercy in the name of Christ.

People actually need more help than they ask for.

What was his greater need?

**Bringing Men to Wholeness v 6-7**

What was it that Peter was giving here?

Healing, that is obvious, but is there something more?

He was offering complete restoration in the name of Jesus.

I will give you power to walk, and to walk with Jesus. (v16 explains v 6)

Through faith, whose faith? The cripple, or the apostles? (Matt. 17:20, Acts 14:8-10)

Rise and walk. An impossible command.

God does this all the time. He asks us for what we cannot do.

Grace gives what God commands.

One sign of the coming messiah - the lame would leap for joy. (Isaiah 35:4-6; Luke 7:20-23)

This cripple was healed, physically and spiritually, through faith in the power of the name of Jesus Christ.

### **Response of the restored Cripple v 8-10**

Walking and leaping and praising God in the temple.

Should we dance for joy in the presence of God?

Have you ever seen a miracle?

All that God asks, grace provides.

Long to know the fullness of Joy in the house of the Lord. (John 17:3)

### **How do we get at this joy?**

Marvel at what God has done for us in the name of Jesus.