

**The Ministry of the
Spirit Hits the
Ground Running!**

What leads us up to Acts 3:12

- ❑ The entire story of the Old Testament that prophesied the forthcoming Messiah and the Holy Spirit.
- ❑ The earthly ministry of Jesus, His sacrificial death (on Passover), and His resurrection (on Firstfruits).
- ❑ The pouring out of the Holy Spirit with power on Pentecost with about 3 thousand believers added.
- ❑ In the beginning of chapter 3, Peter and John heal a man who has been crippled from birth at the Beautiful Gate and the people ran to them (at Solomon's Colonnade/ Porch).

Acts 3:12-16 (ESV) ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see

and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

When you are confronted about God’s amazing work in and through you, do you give God the glory?

Acts 3:17-21 (NKJV) ¹⁷ Yet now, brethren, I know that you did *it* in ignorance, as *did* also your rulers. ¹⁸ But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

*He repeats the call in Acts 2:
Recognize your sin, repent of it,
be forgiven, and transformed.*

*Since the people knew the Old
Testament, he confirms that this is
the fulfillment of what was written.*

Are you looking forward to the restoration of all things?

Acts 3:22-26 (NASB₁₉₉₅) ²² "Moses said, 'THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. ²³ 'And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from

among the people.' ²⁴ "And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and *his* successors onward, also announced these days.

²⁵ "It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, 'AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.' ²⁶ "For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways."

The Holy Spirit's power comes upon you when you've repented and believed. Have you taken the step?