

Read Acts 3:11-16

11 They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John.

12 Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness?"

13 For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him.

14 You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer.

15 You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact!

16 "Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes.

What did the people think when they all rushed out to see the crippled beggar standing up next to Peter and John (v. 11)? They were amazed. They had seen Jesus doing miracles and now the apostles were doing the same miracles of healing.

What did Peter do (v. 12)? He talked to the crowd of people. He kinda' preached a sermon to them,

What did he say to them (v. 12)? Why are you so surprised? And why are you looking at us like we did this miracle ourselves.

What did he say to them (v. 13)? God did this miracle to glorify Jesus. Because all of you rejected Jesus and handed Him over to Pilate to be crucified even though Pilate wanted to release Him.

What did he say to them (v. 14)? Not only did you reject Jesus, but you also demanded that Pilate release a murderer instead of releasing Jesus.

What did he say to them (v. 15)? You killed Jesus but God raised Him from the dead and we have seen Him.

What did he say to them (v. 16)? This beggar was crippled but he believed in Jesus and he was healed because of his faith in Jesus. It was very important for the first miracle done by the Apostles that people understand that the healing was by the power of Jesus, the very one they crucified; he was not healed by the power of Peter.