



BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 1 28 Feb - 6 March	Acts 1
WEEK 2 7 March - 13 March	Acts 2
WEEK 3 14 March - 20 March	Acts 3 - 4:31
WEEK 4 21 March - 27 March	Acts 4:32 - 5:16
WEEK 5 28 March - 3 April	Acts 5:17 - 6:7



Paradigm Shift (Acts 1 & 2)

- 1. Purpose
 Jesus Saves to Jesus Sends
- 2. Power
 Chosen to choose to receive
- 3. People
 Crowd to Church Community

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One day **Peter and John** were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon.

² 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.

³ When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴ Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, "Look at us!" ⁵ So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶ 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."

We can only GIVE what we HAVE What do you have?

⁷ Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. ⁸ He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

⁹ When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰ 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.

Power of the Name of Jesus:

- 1. Power to perform miracles
 - 3:6

16 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.

Power of the Name of Jesus:

- 1. Power to perform miracles
 - 3:6
- 2. Power to heal
 - 3:16

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

² They were **greatly disturbed**because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

⁵ The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. ⁶ Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family.

⁷ They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit ...

¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

Power of the Name of Jesus:

- 1. Power to perform miracles
 - 3:6
- 2. Power to heal
 - 3:16
- 3. Power to save
 - 4:12

¹³ When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

17 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

- The Believer Pray For Boldness
- ²⁹ Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.
- 30 **Stretch** out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through **the name** of your holy servant Jesus."
- 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Posture of our Prayer

- 1. Consider our situation
- 2. Enable us / Embolden us
- 3. Stretch Inviting power of the name of Jesus into our lives

Application Questions

- 1. Peter was so full of Jesus, Acts 3:6, "What I do have I give you." What are you FULL of? What can you give to others around you?
- 2. Share a story of how you call upon the Name of Jesus and there was a miracle.
- 3. Three Postures of Prayer:
 - Consider the situation
 - Enable me
 - Stretch your hand / Invite Jesus
- 4. Who can we approach to invite them to the new season of Discovering God?