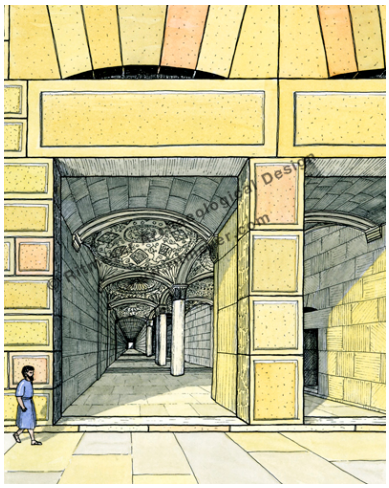
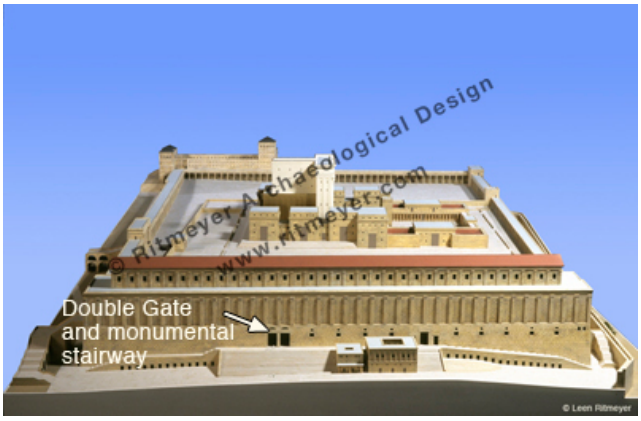
Thoughts & Questions on Chapter 3

Chapter 3 takes us to the time when a beggar, lame from birth, who used to beg alms at the Beautiful Gate was healed by Peter and John in Jesus' name. Peter speaks to the throng of Jews surrounding them in Solomon's Portico.



A reconstruction drawing of the Double Gate of Herod's Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Most of the elements have been preserved, including the domes inside the double passageway. Some researchers proposed that this beautifully decorated gateway was the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, mentioned in Acts 3.10. © Leen Ritmeyer



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Who claimed healing of the beggar? 3:6

What does it matter, the time of day? 3:1 Can you think of other events at this time of day?

After the healing where do the apostles and cured man go? 3:11
Do you imagine it near or far?

What theological points does John make through his use of the imagined speech of Peter? 3:12-26 (Remember, like the Greek historians of his times, main points are made through speeches of the main characters.)

Chapter 4

In Chapter 4 we learn of the apostles being arrested and released the next day. We hear a communal prayer and invocation of the Holy Spirit. We then learn a bit about how the first followers behaved and lived.

Why were the Sadducees so annoyed? What specific point?

The Apostles were arrested but what of the crowd?

When Peter was questioned, what was his response?

What did the assembled rulers notice before they sent the Apostles away again?

What did Peter and John after being warned not to teach in the name of Jesus?

After finally letting the Apostles go, what happened?

What were the points of the communal prayer? Do we know if it was heard?

What do we see about the lives of those who followed Jesus through the apostles? And… Who is this new Joseph?

What are your main takeaways from this chapter or chapter 3?