Acts ch. 3 & 4

3:1-10 The Actual Healing

- * lit. "at the ninth hour" There are many hours in the day, after our 9am, noon and 3 pm was the "ninth" 9 am and 3 pm were hours of sacrifice
- * "beautiful gate" actually the Double Gate
- * he asks for alms but gets something much better
- * note how we can treat the wretched: be with them They are very lonely
- 3:11-26 The Apostolic Sermon
 - * recitation of great works
 - * ff by the saving acts of Christ emph the Resurrection
 - * the healing was so that the Word can be proclaimed
 - * ff by OT quote: it was all supposed to happen this way
- 4: 1-4 The Arrest
 - proclaim the word and hostility arises: from the very beginning Why do crosses provoke so much resistance
 - * anything tied to the resurrection gets a reaction
 - * 5000 the size of a legion (up from 3K)
 - * cooling off period in arrest
- 4:5-12 Speech before the Sanhedrin
 - * this took a lot of brass whatever else he had
 - * note relations of Annas and Ciaphas
 - * again: focuses on resurrection
 - * proc of Jesus as Lord, ff by reference to stone rejected
 - * "no one else" spec not the Emperor but pluralized salvation was a common error: we still get the "are Buddhists going to hell question etc."
 - * they cannot reply so they go to step 2: shut up about this
 - * repeated commandment
- 4:13-22 The Silencing (or an attempt to)
 - * they cannot reply so they go to step 2: shut up about this
 - * repeated commandment
 - * over forty: a mature man to be respected not a kid
- 4:23-36 The Church Community