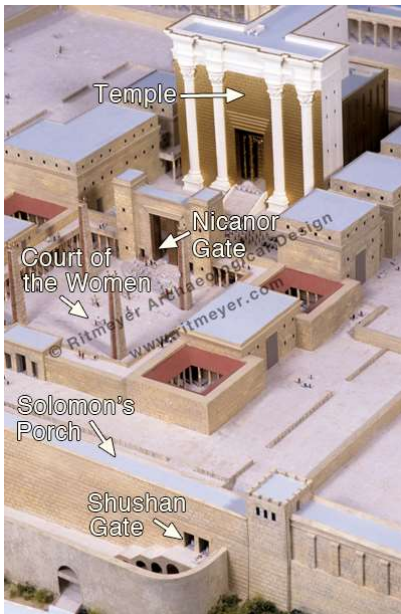


## Friday Men in Christ – Gary Allen Henecke DD



*NET - Acts 3:1-6 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time for prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon (the ninth hour). And a man lame from birth was being carried up, who was placed at the temple gate called "the Beautiful Gate" every day so he could beg for money from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple courts, he asked them for money. Peter looked directly at him (as did John) and said, "Look at us!" So the lame man paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, stand up and walk!"*

*11 While the man was hanging on to Peter and John, all the people, completely astounded, ran together to them in the covered walkway called Solomon's Portico.*

*13 The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our forefathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate after he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a man who was a murderer be released to you. You killed the Originator of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this fact we are witnesses!*

*Acts 4:1 While they were still talking to the people the priests, the captain of the Temple guard and the Sadducees (who do not believe in resurrection) moved towards them, thoroughly incensed that they should be teaching the people and should assure them that the resurrection of the dead had been proved through the rising of Jesus. So, they arrested them and, since it was now evening, kept them in custody until the next day. Nevertheless, many of those who had heard what they said believed, and the number of men alone rose to about five thousand.*

1. The "Beautiful Gate" is not mentioned in other historical sources. Many scholars have accepted Thackeray's comment on Josephus' description of the Nicanor Gate, or the Corinthian Gate as he called it (*War* 5.201,204), that it "probably" was the gate of Acts 3.2,10. Edersheim was of the same opinion.
2. The teachings of the Sadducean elite on resurrection and the toxic preaching creates the crises.
3. *Acts 6:1-7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. And Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*
4. Chapter three opens with another powerful miracle - and a specimen of early Christian preaching.
1. The name of Jesus of Nazareth is central - and - "And now, brothers, I know that you had no idea what you were doing, nor your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled."