

about three thousand souls.

**42** And they were persevering in the doctrine of the apostles, and in the communication of the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

**43** And fear came upon every soul: many wonders also and signs were done by the apostles in Jerusalem, and there was great fear in all.

**44** And all they that believed, were together, and had all things common.

**45** Their possessions and goods they sold, and divided them to all, according as every one had need.

**46** And continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they took their meat with gladness and simplicity of heart;

**47** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord increased daily together such as should be saved.

## Chapter 3

Now Peter and John went up into the temple at the ninth hour of prayer.

**2** And a certain man who was lame from his mother's womb, was carried: whom they laid every day at the gate of the temple, which is called Beautiful, that he might ask alms of them that went into the temple.

**3** He, when he had seen Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms.

**4** But Peter with John fastening his eyes upon him, said: Look upon us.

**5** But he looked earnestly upon them, hoping that he should receive something of them.

**6** But Peter said: Silver and gold I have none; but what I have, I give thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, arise, and walk.

**7** And taking him by the right hand, he lifted

him up, and forthwith his feet and soles received strength.

**8** And he leaping up, stood, and walked, and went in with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

**9** And all the people saw him walking and praising God.

**10** And they knew him, that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him.

**11** And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran to them to the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly wondering.

**12** But Peter seeing, made answer to the people: Ye men of Israel, why wonder you at this? or why look you upon us, as if by our strength or power we had made this man to walk?

**13** The God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus, whom you indeed delivered up and denied before the face of Pilate, when he judged he should be released.

**14** But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you.

**15** But the author of life you killed, whom God hath raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.

**16** And in the faith of his name, this man, whom you have seen and known, hath his name strengthened; and the faith which is by him, hath given this perfect soundness in the sight of you all.

**17** And now, brethren, I know that you did it through ignorance, as did also your rulers.

**18** But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

**19** Be penitent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

**20** That when the times of refreshment shall come from the presence of the Lord, and he shall send him who hath been preached unto you, Jesus Christ,

**21** Whom heaven indeed must receive, until the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets, from the beginning of the world.

**22** For Moses said: A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me: him you shall hear according to all things whatsoever he shall speak to you.

**23** And it shall be, that every soul which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

**24** And all the prophets, from Samuel and afterwards, who have spoken, have told of these days.

**25** You are the children of the prophets, and of the testament which God made to our fathers, saying to Abraham: And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

**26** To you first God, raising up his Son, hath sent him to bless you; that every one may convert himself from his wickedness.

## Chapter 4

And as they were speaking to the people, the priests, and the officer of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them,

**2** Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead:

**3** And they laid hands upon them, and put them in hold till the next day; for it was now evening.

**4** But many of them who had heard the word, believed; and the number of the men was made

five thousand.

**5** And it came to pass on the morrow, that their princes, and ancients, and scribes, were gathered together in Jerusalem;

**6** And Annas the high priest, and Caiphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest.

**7** And setting them in the midst, they asked: By what power, or by what name, have you done this?

**8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said to them: Ye princes of the people, and ancients, hear:

**9** If we this day are examined concerning the good deed done to the infirm man, by what means he hath been made whole:

**10** Be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God hath raised from the dead, even by him this man standeth here before you whole.

**11** This is the stone which was rejected by you the builders, which is become the head of the corner.

**12** Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.

**13** Now seeing the constancy of Peter and of John, understanding that they were illiterate and ignorant men, they wondered; and they knew them that they had been with Jesus.

**14** Seeing the man also who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

**15** But they commanded them to go aside out of the council; and they conferred among themselves,

**16** Saying: What shall we do to these men? for indeed a known miracle hath been done by

them, to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem: it is manifest, and we cannot deny it.

**17** But that it may be no farther spread among the people, let us threaten them that they speak no more in this name to any man.

**18** And calling them, they charged them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus.

**19** But Peter and John answering, said to them: If it be just in the sight of God, to hear you rather than God, judge ye.

**20** For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

**21** But they threatening, sent them away, not finding how they might punish them, because of the people; for all men glorified what had been done, in that which had come to pass.

**22** For the man was above forty years old, in whom that miraculous cure had been wrought.

**23** And being let go, they came to their own company, and related all that the chief priests and ancients had said to them.

**24** Who having heard it, with one accord lifted up their voice to God, and said: Lord, thou art he that didst make heaven and earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

**25** Who, by the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David, thy servant, hast said: Why did the Gentiles rage, and the people meditate vain things?

**26** The kings of the earth stood up, and the princes assembled together against the Lord and his Christ.

**27** For of a truth there assembled together in this city against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel,

**28** To do what thy hand and thy counsel decreed to be done.

**29** And now, Lord, behold their threatenings, and grant unto thy servants, that with all confi-

dence they may speak thy word,

**30** By stretching forth thy hand to cures, and signs, and wonders to be done by the name of thy holy Son Jesus.

**31** And when they had prayed, the place was moved wherein they were assembled; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with confidence.

**32** And the multitude of believers had but one heart and one soul: neither did any one say that aught of the things which he possessed, was his own; but all things were common unto them.

**33** And with great power did the apostles give testimony of the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord; and great grace was in them all.

**34** For neither was there any one needy among them. For as many as were owners of lands or houses, sold them, and brought the price of the things they sold,

**35** And laid it down before the feet of the apostles. And distribution was made to every one, according as he had need.

**36** And Joseph, who, by the apostles, was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, by interpretation, The son of consolation,) a Levite, a Cyprian born,

**37** Having land, sold it, and brought the price, and laid it at the feet of the apostles.

## Chapter 5

But a certain man named Ananias, with Saphira his wife, sold a piece of land,

**2** And by fraud kept back part of the price of the land, his wife being privy thereunto: and bringing a certain part of it, laid it at the feet of the apostles.

**3** But Peter said: Ananias, why hath Satan tempted thy heart, that thou shouldst lie to the