

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS NOT:

1. A succession of moral axioms or of pious admonitions.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST IS:

1. It is a series of facts, empirical facts, pertaining to the Person, life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

*Founded upon experience
and without regard to
science or theory*

THE BACKGROUND OF THE LESSON:

1. Peter and John went up to the temple at the hour of prayer. Verse 1, Acts 3.
2. A certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful. V. 2
3. This man would ask alms of them that entered into the temple... Verse 3, Acts 3.
4. Peter, with John, said, "Look on us". V. 4.

THE LAME MAN:

1. He had been a cripple all of his life.
2. He was above forty years old. *Acts 4:22*
3. So this lesson might be entitled, "Life begins at forty."

FOUR THINGS THIS MAN NEEDED:

1. Friendship. Mark 5:19.
2. Sympathy. Examples of sympathy:
 1. Jesus weeping. John 11:35.
 2. The weeping widows. Acts 9:39.
3. Health.
 1. Aeneas of Lydda. Acts 9:32-34.
 2. The blind man. John 9:1-38.
4. A SAVIOUR: To meet the paralysis of human need... freedom from sin.

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