

A Miracle Better Than Money Acts 3:1-26

A Miracle: A lame man gets more than he asked for. 3:1-11

- This = first of 14 miracles recorded in Acts. It offers an example of the kind of miraculous happenings mentioned in 2:43 and throughout Acts, 5:12, 14:3.
- This man is over 40 (4:22) and here every day. Why didn't Jesus heal him?
- This miraculous healing should correct some "lame theology." For example:

A Message: God will give us more than we deserve. 3:12-26

- As at Pentecost this message is not seeker sensitive—it's even harsher!
- As at Pentecost Peter's main point is that God raised Jesus from the dead, and he and the other apostles are witnesses, 2:32, 10:39-42.
Question: Why should the crowd believe Jesus actually rose from the dead?
Answer: Just consider the miracles, 2:22, 14:3, Heb. 2:3,4, Mk. 2:9-12.
- As at Pentecost Peter holds the Jews responsible for Jesus' death yet at the same time affirms it was God's plan, just as the prophets had foretold.
- As at Pentecost God will graciously forgive those who repent; note *repent* is coupled with *turn* (26:20) and not baptism (*turn* also in 9:35, 14:15, *believed and turned* in 11:21). Jesus will return after the Jews turn to Him, Lk. 13:35.
- As at Pentecost Peter quotes the OT and mentions prophets who spoke of this time. Repentance will bring blessing versus utter destruction.



Notice the lame man's reaction to being healed in 3:11, 4:14. What could he have done instead?

What is the greater miracle that the lame man recognizes he needs to experience?

Can you spot areas where God has touched your life so that you can "leap," and by doing so motivate others to consider turning to God?