

THE ACTS OF GOD

Engaging the Miraculous Works of God: When the Physical and Spiritual Collide

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But I'll give you what I have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk!" Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, "he went into the Temple with them". All the people saw him walking and heard him praising God. When they realized he was the lame beggar they had seen so often at the Beautiful Gate, they were absolutely astounded! Acts 3:1-10 (NLT)

Keys to understanding the Miraculous Acts of God...

1. Without	<u>,</u> it doesn't happen
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For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought **glory to his servant Jesus** by doing this...**holy one, righteous one,...the author of life... Acts 3:13-15**

"Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus' name has healed him before your very eyes. **Vs 16**

2. There is always an _____ behind every miraculous Act of God.

Peter saw his opportunity and addressed the crowd. "People of Israel," he said, "what is so surprising about this? And why stare at us as though we had made this man walk by our own power or godliness? vs 12

3. There will always be ______ behind the miracle.

For it is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—the God of all our ancestors—who has brought glory to his servant Jesus by doing this. This is the same Jesus whom you handed over and rejected before Pilate, despite Pilate's decision to release him. You rejected this holy, righteous one and instead demanded the release of a murderer. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. And we are witnesses of this fact! vs 13-15

How to allow Gods to work in my life...

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"Friends, I realize that what you and your leaders did to Jesus was done in ignorance. But God was fulfilling what all the prophets had foretold about the Messiah—that he must suffer these things **vs 17-18**

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Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord **vs 19-20**

Going deeper on your own. This week look up online, or in your bible, a picture of the Temple in the days of Acts. Locate the place where the lame man was (The Beautiful Gate). Now read Acts Chapter 3 & 4 and envision being in the Court of the Gentiles and the commotion after the lame man's healing. Place yourself in Solomon's Colonnade, hearing the message of Peter. Then pray and ask the Lord to help reveal what in your life is standing between you and the Lord's work in your life? Write it down and make it a prayer of confession. Ask for forgiveness and ask Jesus to come in and be the Savior and King of your life.