

The Week in the Word

Acts Worksheet #7: A Miracle and a Message

Passage: Acts Chapter 3

Sermon Dates: Jan. 18, 19

Study Period: Jan 13-17, 2003

Link Group Meetings: Jan 19-24

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1. Begin by reading Chapter 3. The beggar asks for money, but what is his greater need? (3:1-7)

 2. What is the reaction of the beggar to the miracle? (3:8)

 3. What is the reaction of the people? (3:9-11)

 4. If God were to do a miracle of healing among the people in our church, how do you think most people would respond? Why?

 5. What opportunity did this particular healing bring? (3:12-26)

 6. "Context Check": To what group of people is Peter speaking? (v.12) Does this shed any light on why God might have healed the beggar? Explain.

 7. What disclaimer was implied in Peter's opening words? (3:12)

 8. What reason does Peter give for God doing this miracle? (v. 13)

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9. What three titles does Peter give to Jesus in verses 13-15, and what three terrible things did the people do to Him? Note the contrast.
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10. What does it mean when it says (in verse 15) that Jesus is “The Author of Life”? Give this some thought. (You can compare John 1:1-4; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Hebrews 1:2; I John 1:1-2; Colossians 1:16)
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11. To what two things does Peter credit the healing? (3:16)
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12. What “benefit of the doubt” does Peter give his audience? (3:17)
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13. What two things did Peter tell the people to do in order to be forgiven of their sins and enjoy “times of refreshing”? (3:19)
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14. Where is Jesus now, and for how long will He be there? (3:21)
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15. What warning does Peter give to those who might refuse to listen? (3:22)
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16. Besides the miracle, what other proof does Peter give to prove that Jesus is the Messiah? (3:21-26) How might this be especially appropriate in this crowd?
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17. How does Peter interpret the promise made to Abraham? (3:25-26; Gen. 26:4)
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18. What lessons can we learn from Peter’s example about confronting others with God’s message?