

## A Miracle With a Message

Acts 3:1-11

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### Introduction:

1. Pentecost has come and gone.
  - a. Three are saved
  - b. The church is born
2. Today we see the first major miracle after that great day.
  - a. This healing of a lame man, however, was a miracle with a message.
  - b. "Notice how the miracle and the message coincide." (Ironsides)
3. What is the message of this miracle?

### \*READ TEXT & PRAY\*

#### I. Two Went to the Temple to Pray (v.1)

- A. The temple was different than before the Cross
  - a. The veil had been torn in two
  - b. Everyone could enter into the Holy of Holies through faith in Christ
- B. Peter and John came to pray at the ninth hour
  - a. The traditional hour of prayer
  - b. Time of the evening sacrifices
  - c. Time to announce Christ's sacrifice to pay for our sins
- C. Prayer makes miracles possible and our message powerful

#### II. One Went to the Temple to Plead (vv. 2-3)

- A. He was lame in his feet
  - a. Had been lame since birth
  - b. Until salvation, we also walk lamely through life because of sin
- B. He had been living on the world's handouts
  - a. All sinners seek something to satisfy their emptiness
  - b. The handouts of the world still leave us begging for more
- C. This lame man needed more than the world could offer

#### III. One Went Into the Temple With Praise (vv.4-8)

- A. Peter saw the beggar's real need and met it
- B. The beggar expected a monetary gift
  - a. No silver or gold
  - b. What I do have I give to you
- C. The miracle?
  - a. In the name of Jesus get up and walk!...and he did!
- D. The message?
  - a. With the message of the gospel we can lift others to their feet so they too can walk in the newness of life.
  - b. Like the lame man they can leap and praise with joy.

#### IV. Many Went From the Temple Puzzled (vv. 8-11)

- A. The people who witnessed this were amazed
- B. This miracle presented the opportunity to present the gospel
- C. We must seize every opportunity to preach Jesus!

### Conclusion:

1. How many lame and begging people have you just passed by because you felt you had nothing to give them?
2. We may not have silver or gold to give or to spare, but we have the greatest gift of all to give.
3. We can share The Bread of Life and lead them to drink from the Water that will cause them to never thirst again.
4. We can give them Jesus!