

Let Them Hear

Lesson Six • Acts 9:32-43

Peter's Miracle Ministry

Why Is There So Much Sickness and Death in the World?

Sickness and death are the universal CONSEQUENCES of a fallen and sinful world.

Is There Any Hope in the Midst of Sickness and Death?

Yes! JESUS is our hope in the midst of sickness and death because Jesus paid the price to overcome our sin with His death and resurrection.

Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:4-5

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1. A Great Miracle: Peter HEALS the Crippled!

Now it came to pass, as Peter went through all parts of the country, that he also came down to the saints who dwelt in Lydda. There he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight years and was paralyzed. And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus the Christ heals you. Arise and make your bed." Then he arose immediately. Acts 9:32-34

2. A Greater Miracle: Peter RAISES the Dead!

At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room.
Acts 9:36-37

And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas has made while she was with them. Acts 9:38-39

But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. Acts 9:40-41

3. The Greatest Miracle: Jesus SAVES the Soul!

So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord. Acts 9:35
And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord. Acts 9:42

Have You Experienced the Miracle of Salvation?

The greatest miracle is turning from your sins and believing in Jesus for ETERNAL LIFE.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"
John 11:25-26

Don't Lose Heart! Keep an Eternal Perspective!

The BEST is yet to come for believers in Jesus Christ. The day will come when sickness and death will be no more. Until then we can trust in God's goodness and rest in God's presence as we carry out His mission.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.
Revelation 21:4

Postscript to Peter's Miracle Ministry

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is for ALL peoples, so "Let Them Hear"!

So it was that he [Peter] stayed many days in Joppa with Simon, a tanner. Acts 9:43