

Healing Signs in the Church

ACT 9:32-42; MK 2:1-12; 5:21-24, 35-43; JAS 5:13-19;
1COR 12:4-11; 13:8-12; JN 20:29-31

INTRODUCTION:

helping 1st (and 21st) century skeptics



★ _____ really happened among the members of the early church.

A. MIRACLE 1: Aeneas in Lydda (9:32-35)

1. Peter ministered to the _____ (including Aeneas) at Lydda. (32-33)
2. Jesus _____ Aeneas through Peter. (34)
3. The residents of Lydda and the Sharon Valley _____ the Lord. (35)

B. MIRACLE 2: Dorcas in Joppa (9:36-42)

1. Dorcas was a _____ at Joppa. (36)
2. Dorcas was sick and _____. (37)
3. The _____ family called for Peter to come and help. (38-40)
4. Jesus _____ Dorcas through Peter. (41)
5. Many of the people of Joppa _____ the Lord. (42)

The literary technique of “juxtaposition”

MIRACLES...

- are signs that God has chosen this _____.
- are signs that the gospel is _____.
- are signs that God is _____ even over the uncontrollable effects of sickness and death.
- are signs of the _____ of God to change lives physically and spiritually. (MK 2:10-12)
- are physical expressions of God's _____.
- are invitations to believe and _____ in God. (JN 20:30-31)

CONCLUSION:

Should we expect God to do these kinds of healing miracles today?

★ God is still working today (*sometimes* _____) among the members of the church on mission.