

“SUPERNATURAL MANIFESTATIONS”

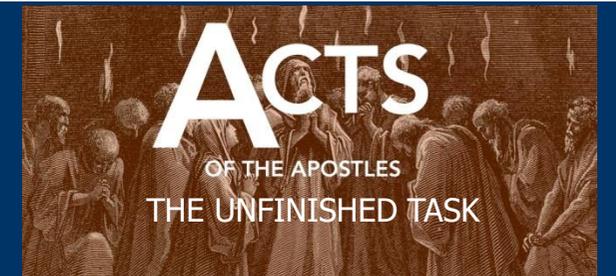
(Acts 9:32-43)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 20

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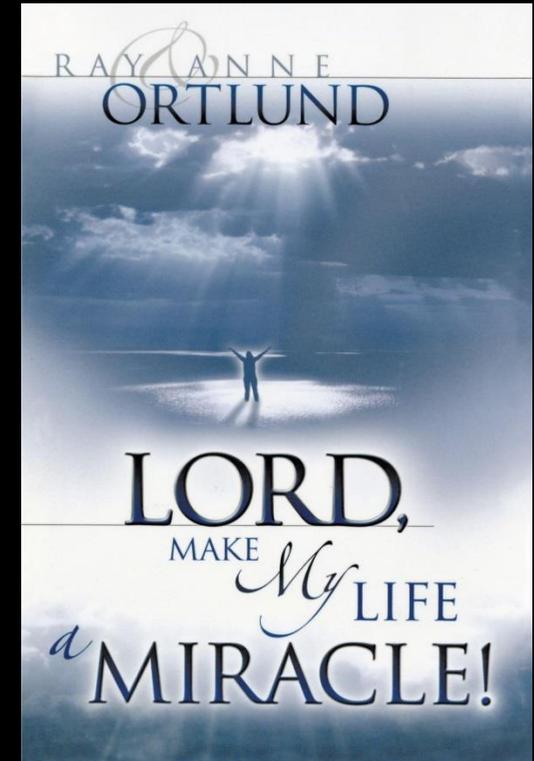
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INTRODUCTION:

**“Lord, make
my life a
miracle.”**



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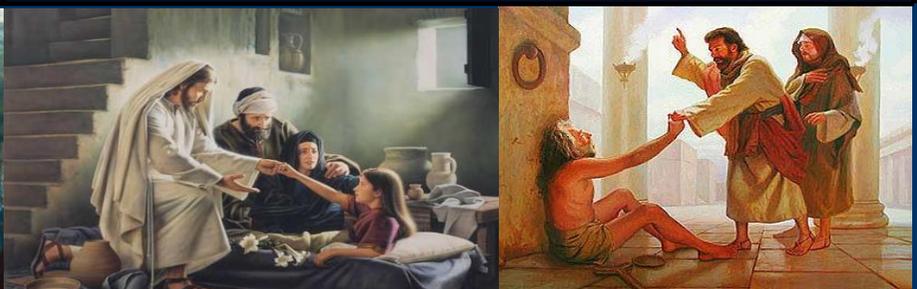
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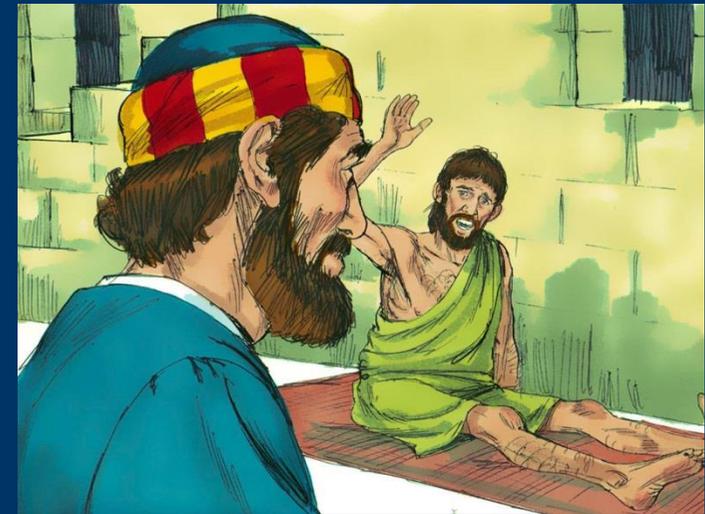
MOSES	ELIJAH & ELISHA	CHRIST & THE APOSTLES
To establish God's authority	To give testimony to Israel	To fulfill scriptural prophecies
To authenticate Moses as God's servant	To awaken the nation in the midst of apostasy	To validate the message and character of Christ and the apostles



II. TWO ACCOUNTS OF MIRACLES

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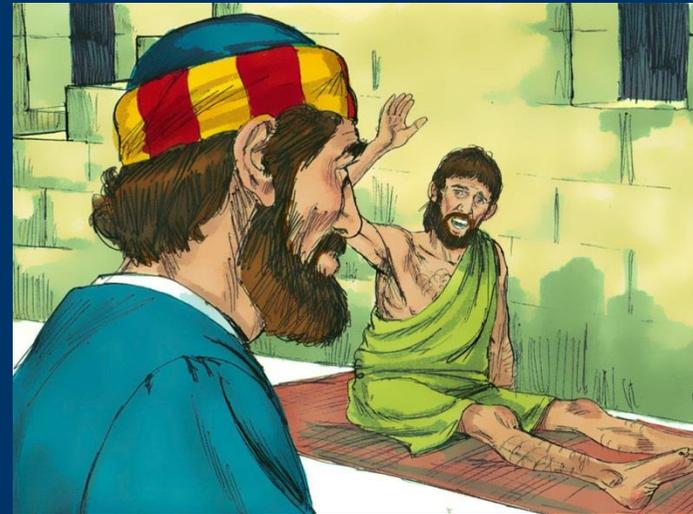
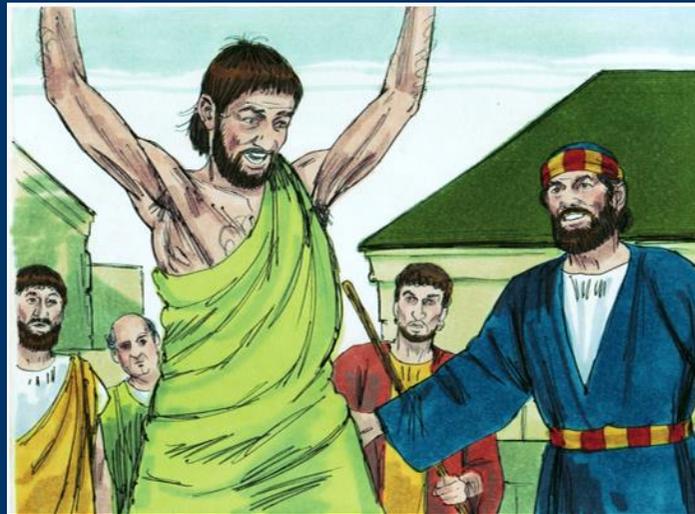
Acts 9:32 *As Peter traveled about the country, he went to visit the Lord's people who lived in Lydda. ³³ There he found a man named Aeneas, who was paralyzed and had been bedridden for eight years.*



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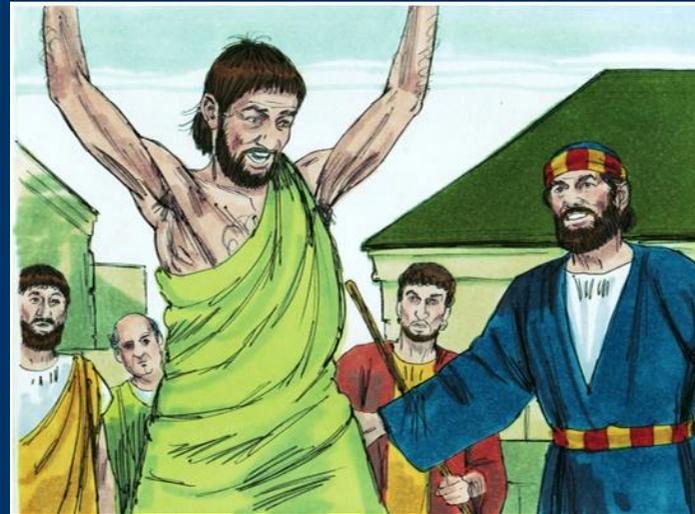
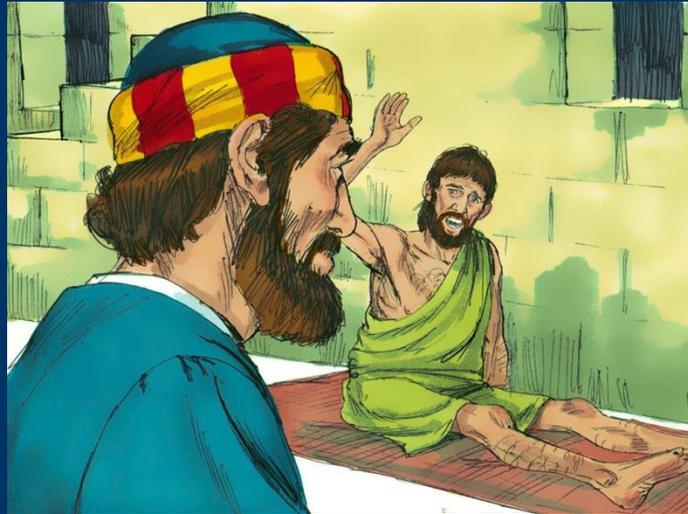
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Acts 9:34 "Aeneas," Peter said to him, "Jesus Christ heals you. Get up and roll up your mat." Immediately Aeneas got up.



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A) *The Man at Lydda : The Case of Aeneas*



- 1) *We notice that Peter found Aeneas.*
- 2) *There was no large gathering or big spectacle.*
- 3) *The healing was immediate and complete.*
- 4) *Jesus was the focus.*

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B) The Woman at Joppa: The Case of Tabitha

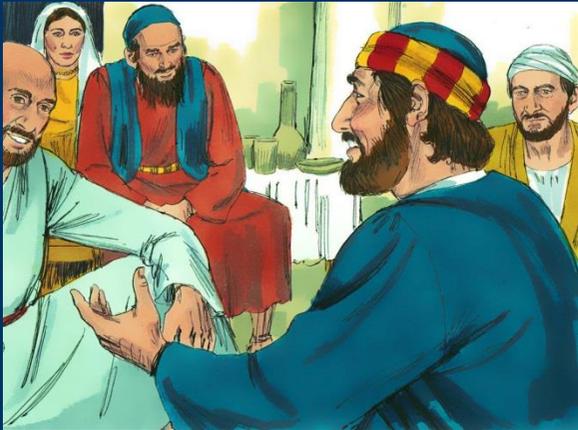
Acts 9:36b she was always doing good and helping the poor.

37 About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room.

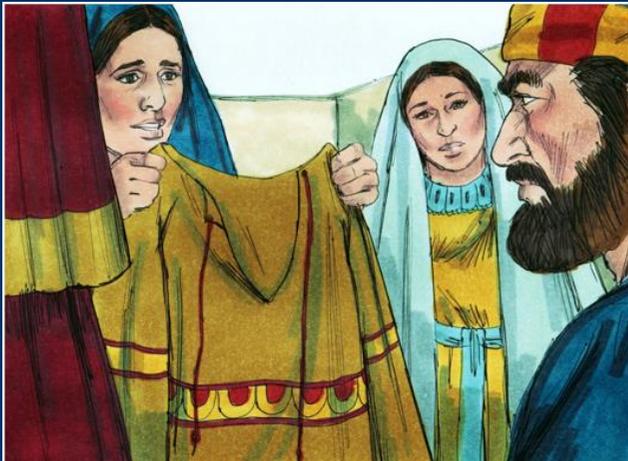


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Acts 9:38 *Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"*



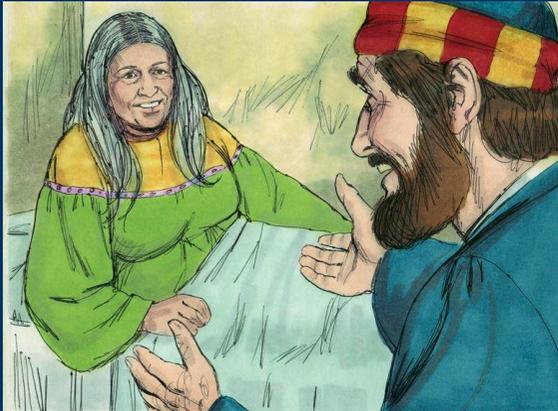
39 *Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.*

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40 Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up.



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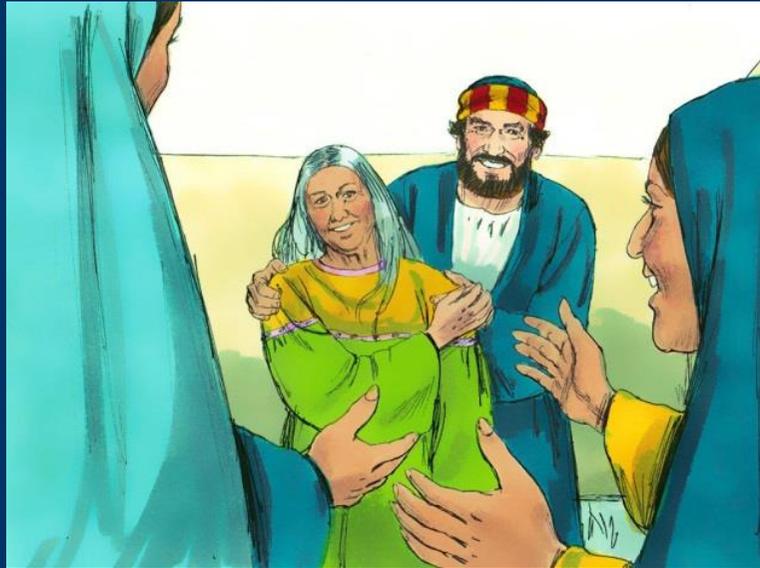


Mark 5:41 *He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!").* **42a** *Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old) and many believed in the Lord.*

John 14:12 *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

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A. Not all of God's miracles are physical but spiritual.



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*B. When the miracle is of God,
a consistent pattern occurs.*

- 1. The Lord alone is glorified.*
- 2. There is no showmanship, only integrity and authenticity.*
- 3. The unsaved are impressed and often trust Christ for salvation.*
- 4. Biblical principles are never contradicted.*

CONCLUSION:



Does God still perform miracles and heal physical diseases today?

"God certainly can, and sometimes does, heal people in a miraculous way today. But the Bible does not teach that He will always heal those who come to Him in faith. He sovereignly reserves the right to heal or not to heal as He sees fit."



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Does God still perform miracles and heal physical diseases today?



He always performs these miracles on His own terms.

He wants to bring spiritual healing to our souls.



John 4:14 but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.



CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Since you become a believer, is there any visible miracle that happened in your life? Share an example of miracle in your life.*
- 2. There are periods in history that recorded many visible physical miracles and there are periods of silent. Why do you think God has kept silent in those periods?*
- 3. What are some distinctive marks of miracles that are manifested in Aeneas and Tabitha?*
- 4. How do we identify a miracle that is from God or from the devil?*



*Scripture References:
Acts 9:32-43*