

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Perhaps you have felt down emotionally, spiritually, economically, domestically, or physically, and you cannot get up.
  - i) If you are down, then there is a miracle waiting for you.
- b) Acts 3:1-6
  - i) There was a man who was lame from his birth.
    - (1) He was a beggar at the Beautiful Gate of the temple.
    - (2) By the Levitical law, in his condition, he could not go into the temple.
      - (a) There was a gate between him and the worship of Almighty God.
  - ii) Peter and John came, and a notable miracle was done.
    - (1) The lame man rose up to walk.
- c) Acts 4:22
  - i) In this verse, the word for “miracle” is the word that means “a sign miracle”.
    - (1) It was a miracle that had symbolism; it was a miracle with a message.
      - (a) It was meant to teach a deeper lesson.
- d) The apostles had power to do things that we do not have power to do.
  - i) Acts 5:12
  - ii) 2 Corinthians 12:11-12
- e) Why these miracles in the early days?
  - i) They were miracles of introduction, authentication, collaboration, and substantiation.
  - ii) Now, we live in a different age.
    - (1) We have not miracles of glory but miracles of grace.
      - (a) John 14:12
      - (b) This is speaking about the ministry of evangelism.
  - iii) All of these miracles were signs to teach a greater lesson.
    - (1) When Jesus opened blinded eyes, it was a sign that He was able to open the eyes of those who are spiritually blind.
    - (2) When Jesus unstopped deaf ears, it was a sign to show that He was able to help those who are deaf and cannot hear from God.
    - (3) When Jesus cleansed the lepers, it was a sign to teach that He could cleanse us from the vileness and the filth of sin.
    - (4) When Jesus raised the dead, it was a sign to show that He is the resurrection and the life, and He can raise those who are dead in trespasses and sin.
      - (a) John 11:25
- f) Here was a man who could not walk, he could not work, and he could not worship; and Jesus, through the apostles, healed this man.
  - i) There are a lot of people who want to put an emphasis upon healing but not salvation.
    - (1) Physical miracles are only temporary.
    - (2) Acts 3:6
      - (a) What we have is greater than the ability to heal the sick.

- ii) It was a miracle that could not be denied.
    - (1) Acts 3:11
    - (2) No reasonable person could deny this miracle was done.
      - (a) In the spiritual sense, there ought to be miracles in our lives that no reasonable person can deny.
  - iii) It was a miracle that could not be humanly explained.
    - (1) Acts 3:12
    - (2) Peter did not do this miracle.
  - iv) It was a miracle that could not be lightly dismissed.
    - (1) Acts 3:13
    - (2) This miracle was done in the name of Jesus.
      - (a) His name stands for His person.
      - (b) Jesus is the hero of this story.
  - g) The people were face-to-face with a miracle that could not be humanly explained, reasonably denied, or lightly dismissed.
    - i) Acts 4:8-10
    - ii) As a result, a great number of people came to the Lord Jesus Christ.
      - (1) Acts 4:4
      - (2) When someone is supernaturally transformed, it will touch the multitude.
    - iii) Acts 3:14
    - iv) When we are faced with a choice, we are free to choose.
      - (1) We are not free not to choose.
      - (2) And we are not free to choose the consequences of our choice.
        - (a) Once we make a choice, then the choice chooses for us.
  - h) In today's message, we will learn three things about Jesus Christ, who caused this man to rise and walk, that will help us to rise up over the circumstances of our own lives and walk.
- 2) HE IS THE RISEN LORD (ACTS 3:15)
- a) Acts 3:15
  - b) Once the apostles knew that Jesus Christ was alive, they could not be intimidated.
    - i) They were absolutely certain that Jesus Christ is the Prince of Life and that He had been raised from the dead.
    - ii) The apostles were not preaching facts about a dead Christ.
      - (1) This is the only way to explain the boldness of the apostles and the early church.
    - iii) They had no fear of death because they knew that their Savior was alive.
  - c) The resurrection of Jesus Christ cannot be explained away.
    - i) History tells us that the early apostles paid for their faith with their lives.
      - (1) People may live for a lie, but few people will willingly die for a lie.
        - (a) Hypocrites and martyrs are not made of the same stuff.

- 3) HE IS THE RESIDING LORD (ACTS 3:16)
  - a) Peter and John did not do this miracle.
    - i) It was Jesus Christ in them.
    - ii) “Name” in this verse means “nature”.
      - (1) The miracle was done by the holy nature of Jesus Christ in these men.
  - b) Acts 4:10-12
    - i) There is a story that has come down through history about the building of Solomon’s temple.
      - (1) The temple was to be built without the ringing of hammers or the sound of chisels.
      - (2) So, the stones were cut to specifications in the quarry and brought to the work yard to be assembled together by the workers.
      - (3) There was one stone that no one seemed to know what it was for, and the workers kept stumbling over it.
      - (4) The stone was taken to the edge of the Temple Mount and rolled down into the Kidron Valley.
      - (5) When it was time for the cornerstone, they realized that it was the stone they had rejected.
    - ii) In this passage, Peter was saying that the stone they had rejected was Jesus Christ, the cornerstone.
      - (1) Jesus Christ was the one who had made this man whole.
- 4) HE IS THE REDEEMING LORD (ACTS 3:17-19)
  - a) This miracle was only a platform to preach salvation.
    - i) Where man ruled in wickedness, God overruled in righteousness.
      - (1) The wickedness of man and the righteousness of God came together in the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.
    - ii) Peter told them to repent and be converted.
  - b) Luke 13:3
    - i) No one has ever been saved who has not repented.
      - (1) If there is no repentance, then there can be no refreshing.
  - c) What is repentance?
    - i) Repentance is not overcoming sin.
      - (1) We cannot overcome sin until we have Jesus in our hearts and in our lives.
      - (2) God does not say to clean up your life, and then He will save you.
        - (a) That would be salvation by works.
    - ii) Repentance is a change of mind that leads to a change of life.
  - d) The Bible says to repent in the name of Jesus.
    - i) Acts 2:38
- 5) HE IS THE RETURNING LORD (ACTS 3:19-21)
  - a) Acts 3:20-21
  - b) Jesus is coming again.

- i) The world is coming to Jesus because Jesus is coming to the world.
- c) Heaven has received Him until the time of restitution.
  - i) God made everything, and everything that God made is good.
    - (1) Anything bad is a perversion of something that was once good.
    - (2) What is wrong with the world today is that Satan has perverted what God has made.
  - ii) Jesus is coming, and He will restore all things and put them as they are supposed to be.
    - (1) Acts 3:19-21
      - (a) In verse 19, it is called "*the time of refreshing*".
- d) The first time, Jesus came as a Lamb; He came to redeem.
  - i) Jesus is coming again as the Lion of the tribe of Judah to reign.
- e) Jesus came the first time to die.
  - i) He is coming again to raise the dead.
- f) When Jesus came the first time, they asked, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?"
  - i) The next time Jesus comes, He will come as King of kings and Lord of lords.
- g) The first time Jesus came, He had a crown of thorns.
  - i) The next time Jesus comes, He will have a crown of glory.
- h) The first time Jesus came, He came in poverty.
  - i) The next time Jesus comes, He will come in power.
- i) The first time Jesus came, He had an escort of angels.
  - i) The next time Jesus comes, He will come with ten thousand of His saints.
- j) The first time Jesus came in meekness.
  - i) The next time Jesus comes, He will come in majesty.

## 6) CONCLUSION

- a) We need not lose sight of the fact that Jesus Christ is alive and well.
  - i) He is the risen Lord.
  - ii) He is the residing Lord.
  - iii) He is the redeeming Lord.
  - iv) He is the returning Lord.
    - (1) Revelation 22:20
- b) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- c) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31
  - v) John 3:16