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An Undeniable, Irrefutable Miracle

From the Series,
"MiraculoUS"

*Various Scriptures
Preached Sunday 1/18/15
Meadow Baptist Church*

1. Two Men in Harmony (1)

"Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour."

- a. Two unique individuals - "Peter (a person of action, a doer) , John (a person of dreams, a thinker)..."
- b. One common bond - "...were going up {together}..." Though extremely different, they found unity in their faith
- c. One prioritized purpose - "...to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour." Their common faith resulted in common priorities

2. One Man in Misery (2)

"And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple."

- a. This man was a powerless burden (2a) - "And a man lame from birth was being carried ..."
- b. This man was a professional beggar (2b) - "...whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple."

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3. One Moment of Destiny (3-8)

"Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. 4 And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." 5 And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" 7 And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God."

- a. We see a person with a need (3) - "Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms."
- b. We see a person with assurance (4) - "And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us."
- c. We see a person with hope (5) - " And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them."
- d. We see a person with an answer (6) - " But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
- e. We see a person made new (7-8) - "And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. 8 And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God."

4. One Miraculous Ministry (9-16)

9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God, 10 and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. 11 While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. 16 And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. 17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out..."

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- b. We hear convicting preaching (12-19) - 12 And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? 13 The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. 14 But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, 15 and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses...17 "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out..."
- c. We recognize the glory belongs to Christ (16) - "And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all."