

Introduction: The emerging gospel church spread to Gentile lands through a dramatically converted Jewish Pharisee Saul. Back then to Judea at the same period, Peter brought the show of Gospel power to change many lives.

I. Aneas miraculously healed. vss. 32-35

Similar to the healing of the paralytic by Jesus Mark 2:11

vs. 34 "Rise up" lit. "Make a seat at the table to go on eating."

II. Tabitha / Dorcas miraculously healed—raised from death vss. 36-43

Similar to healing of synagogue official's daughter. Mark 5:40-42

Parallels to Lazarus' healing John 11

The spectacle drew many to hear and respond to the God of wonders

Summary: Miracle of healing/death to life; acts of God mediated thru man

These are pointers to:

- Character of God, Christ is Lord/Messiah, set up kingdom over death
- Call for salvation/redemption- to all who will bow to this mighty God

III. Miracles - we see here, two main types of miracles found in the Bible

1. Reversal of physical disability
2. Bringing back to life from death

Definition: An extraordinary/unexplainable, visible, redemptive event ordained by God, arousing awe & worship, to reveal God in His saving purposes for mankind. (commentator Gordon Keddie, John Frame)

Application: God uses His people who are not perfect examples of grace, to declare the perfect Savior of grace to sinners. As God used Peter, so God uses you!

Mark 1:17

Luke 5:3-10

1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-10

Although we many not feel able to speak, so God shows that He is able!

Even in your own failures and sin, do you trust Christ to help you overcome?

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection & the life. He who believes in me will live, even if he dies." John 11:25 Aeneas & Tabitha are w/ Him now, will you be ?