



# When A Miracle Speaks....

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"And as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, 2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide. 4 Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. 5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, 6 And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; 10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. 14 And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. 21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go,

finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done. 22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed" (Acts 4:1-22).

God given miracles have words, and their words speak louder than the voices of the enemies of God. We notice from the last and this study that:

- 1) This miracle caught the attention of the worshippers, who drew near to figure out what was happening, giving Peter opportunity to preach powerfully and pungently (Act 3).
- 2) It grieved the religious leaders (priests, captain of the temple, Sadducees) who arrested and imprisoned the apostles (vs 1-3)
- 3) Multitudes believed - about 5,000 (vs 4)
- 4) It created opportunity for Peter and John to preach powerfully to the rulers, who also took notice that the apostles had been with Jesus (vs 5-13).
- 5) The irrefutable evidence of the miracle silenced the haters of God (vs 14,22).
- 6) Their plots and threats to stop the apostles preaching failed (vs 15-20) because the people glorified God (vs 21).

When a miracle speaks:

- 1) God is glorified;
- 2) Bondages are broken;
- 3) Enemies of God are silenced, disempowered, and their plans disrupted
- 4) Believers are emboldened to preach Christ (vs 19-21).

May God give us miracles that speak, and may we seize each of those opportunities to glorify God.