

## **APOSTOLIC MIRACLES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Bible Class Handout

### **Purpose of Apostolic Miracles**

- Confirm the apostles as divinely appointed witnesses of Christ (Acts 1:8; 2:43; 14:3)
- Authenticate the message of the gospel (Hebrews 2:3–4)
- Demonstrate the authority of the risen Christ working through His apostles

### **Miracles Performed by Peter (and John)**

1. Healing the lame man at the Beautiful Gate (Acts 3:1–10)
2. Many signs and wonders by the apostles (Acts 5:12–16)
3. Judgment on Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1–11)
4. Imparting the Holy Spirit to Samaritans (Acts 8:14–17)
5. Healing Aeneas (Acts 9:32–35)
6. Raising Dorcas from the dead (Acts 9:36–42)
7. Deliverance from prison (Acts 12:6–11)

### **Miracles Performed by Paul**

8. Elymas the sorcerer struck blind (Acts 13:6–12)
9. Healing the lame man at Lystra (Acts 14:8–10)
10. Signs and wonders confirming the word (Acts 14:3)
11. Casting out the spirit of divination (Acts 16:16–18)
12. Earthquake at Philippi (Acts 16:25–26)
13. Extraordinary miracles (Acts 19:11–12)
14. Raising Eutychus from the dead (Acts 20:7–12)
15. Survival prophecy during shipwreck (Acts 27:21–26)
16. Unharm by viper bite (Acts 28:3–6)
17. Healing Publius' father (Acts 28:7–8)
18. Healing many on Malta (Acts 28:9)

### **Miracles by the Apostles as a Group**

19. Many wonders and signs among the people (Acts 2:43)
20. Place shaken after prayer (Acts 4:31)

### **Key Observations**

- Miracles authenticated revelation.
- Not all believers performed miracles.
- Apostolic miracles parallel those of Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What role did miracles play in establishing apostolic authority?
2. Why were miracles prominent during the early spread of the gospel?
3. How should modern believers understand miracles today?