

Acts 3:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

Analysis

The crowd's recognition - 'they knew that it was he which sat for alms' - established the miracle's authenticity. Their being 'filled with wonder and amazement' created the teachable moment Peter seized. Amazement alone doesn't save, but it opens ears to the gospel.

Historical Context

The man's years of begging made him well-known to regular temple worshippers. No one could deny the transformation they witnessed.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. Why is amazement insufficient without gospel proclamation?
2. How do you move from wonder at God's work to proclamation of Christ?

Interlinear Text

ἐπεγίνωσκον τε αὐτῷ ὅτι οὗτος ἦν τῷ πρὸς τῷ
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ἐλεημοσύνην καθήμενος ἐπὶ τῷ Ὠραία Πύλῃ τῷ
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ἱεροῦ καὶ ἐπλήσθησαν θάμβους καὶ ἐκστάσεως ἐπὶ
of the temple and they were filled with wonder and amazement at
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τῷ συμβεβηκότι αὐτῷ
which that which had happened unto him
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 3:2 (Temple): And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

John 5:20 (Parallel theme): For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

John 9:3 (Parallel theme): Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

Luke 9:43 (Parallel theme): And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples,