

Acts 3:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

Analysis

Peter's physical action - taking him 'by the right hand, and lifted him up' - accompanied the verbal command. 'Immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength' indicates instant, complete healing. The Greek medical terms (sphaira for ankle bones) suggest Luke's physician's vocabulary.

Historical Context

Luke's detailed anatomical description (feet, ankle bones) reflects his medical training. The immediate strengthening of previously atrophied muscles constituted a creative miracle, not gradual recovery.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. What does Peter's combination of word and action teach about ministry?
2. How does immediate complete healing demonstrate divine rather than natural restoration?

Interlinear Text

καὶ πιάσας αὐτοῦ τῆς δεξιᾶς χειρὸς ἤγειρεν
And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up
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παραχρῆμα δὲ ἐστερεώθησαν αὐτοῦ αἱ βάσεις καὶ τὰ
immediately and received strength him G3588 feet And G3588
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σφῦρα
ankle bones
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 1:31 (Parallel theme): And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

Mark 5:41 (Parallel theme): And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

Mark 9:27 (Parallel theme): But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose.

Acts 9:41 (Parallel theme): And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive.

Luke 13:13 (Parallel theme): And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.