

Acts 3:9

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the people saw him walking and praising God:

Analysis

The public nature of the healing - 'all the people saw him walking and praising God' - ensured widespread witness. The temple crowd became inadvertent witnesses to apostolic power. This visibility served God's purpose of authenticating the gospel message.

Historical Context

The temple during prayer time contained many worshippers. The healed man's conspicuous praise attracted the attention necessary for Peter's sermon that followed.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does public testimony of transformation serve evangelistic purposes?
2. What opportunities for witness exist when God works visibly in your life?

Interlinear Text

καὶ εἶδεν αὐτὸν πᾶς ὁ λαὸς περιπατοῦντα καὶ
And saw him all the people walking And
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αἰνοῦντα τὸν θεόν·
praising God
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 4:21 (References God): 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.

Acts 4:16 (Parallel theme): 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.