

A. This is some of the earliest history of the work of the apostles and the life of the church after the ascension of Jesus.

B. While there are many interesting and important applications that can be drawn from this history, our attention is drawn to the setting of the miracle—The Beautiful Gate—and a lame beggar sitting beside it.

I. The Awful Condition

A. The life of the lame man at the Beautiful Gate was miserable.

B. We can identify with the man's miserable condition from a spiritual point of view.

II. The Wonderful Healing

A. The Miracle Itself—While the man did not receive the kind of compassion he expected, what he received instead far exceeded his greatest expectations.

B. The Significance of It—What do we learn from this this first miracle after Jesus Christ left the earth in his ascension to heaven?

III. The Beautiful Response

A. Immediate Obedience

B. Evident Joyfulness

C. Long-awaited Worship