

## **Two Miracles, One Central Message (Acts 9:33-43)**

1. Fearlessness in Suffering (9:23-25)
2. Saul tries to join the church in Jerusalem (9:26-29)
3. Peace, edification, and unity in the church

When persecution broke out in Jerusalem, apostles remained in Jerusalem

The church entered a time of peace – Peter began visiting the churches

Peter met 2 believers: Aeneas he healed. Dorcas he raised from the dead

### **I. Eyewitness Accounts to the Miraculous**

Many healed by Peter – why does Luke draw attention to Aeneas?

Dorcas or Tabitha – raised from the dead – there were witness with Peter

Apostles' miracles served important purpose: confirm Jesus' resurrection

Miracles of the apostles similar to those of Moses and Elijah & of Jesus

Point was not Peter & apostles had same power - but Jesus alive & at work

### **II. Christ Manifest in Power – Healing and Resurrection**

Miracles as Peter performed them closely parallel Jesus' own miracles

Luke emphasizes that Peter's miracles were done by the power of Jesus

Peter's words used to heal the 2 in Acts: words used of God to raise Jesus

Miracles were accredited to Jesus – therefore many believed the Gospel

### **III. Jesus is Always Present with His People**

Whether we see risen Christ or not: Jesus' present through the Holy Spirit

The Lord is actively present with us every day, what can men do to us?