

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

Acts 9:32-43

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I. A Great Miracle (vv. 32-35)

A. The Problem (vv. 32-33)

B. The Pronouncement (v. 34)

C. The Power (v. 35)

This great miracle was fundamentally ...

... *not* a function of Aeneas' faith,

... *not* a function of Peter's faith,

... but a function of Jesus' faithfulness.

II. A Greater Miracle (vv. 36-43)

A. The Problem (vv. 36-37)

B. The Petition (vv. 38-39)

C. The Prayer (vv. 40-41)

D. The Power (v. 42)

This greater miracle was fundamentally ...

... *not* a function of Tabitha's faith,

... *not* a function of Peter's faith,

... but a function of Jesus' faithfulness.

E. The Precursor (v. 43)

III. The Greatest Miracle

Both miracles follow the *example* of Jesus.

c.f. Mark 2:10-12, Mark 5:38-42

Both miracles are performed by the *power* of Jesus.

Both miracles are signs of the *salvation* of Jesus.

Both miracles reveal the *glory* of Jesus.

v.35 – "... and they *turned* to the Lord."

v.42 – "... and many *believed* in the Lord."

Does God heal today? Does He still perform miracles?

- *Isaiah 53:5*

- *1 Peter 2:24*

The *greatest* miracle is this:

We are converted by Jesus, to Jesus, for Jesus.

- *John 5:24*

- *Ephesians 2:1-10*

- *2 Corinthians 5:17, 5:21*

- *Romans 6:1-4, 8:15-17*

- *2 Timothy 1:8-10*

- *Colossians 1:15-20*

Question: What is our only hope in life and in death?

Answer: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Romans 14:7-8 – For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.