

Acts Chapter 3 and 4

The Wonder

- Peter and John are going to the temple for evening prayer time
- The Beautiful Gate is the one that separates the court of Gentiles from the court of the Jews in the temple
- Jesus heals a lame man in John 5
 - We see Peter and John doing what Jesus did
 - **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. // John 14:12-14
- Hallomai - to leap
 - Then the lame will leap like a deer // Isaiah 35:6
- Story of Thomas Aquinas and Pope Innocent II

The Word

- 6 Truths from Peter's sermon about the miracle
 - First, Jesus healed the man
 - Second, God gave Peter and John the faith to perform the miracle
 - Third, Jesus is the one to be glorified not Peter or John

- Fourth, this miracle is a sign of the messianic kingdom
- Fifth, Jesus is the author of life (both physical and spiritual)
- Sixth, the miracle gives the opportunity for the Word

● Jesus...

- Is he servant of the Lord (v13, 26)
- Was glorified by God (v13-14)
- Is the author of life (v15)
- Rose from the dead (v15, 26)
- Is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy and promises (v17-26)

● Repent and receive...

- Forgiveness of sins (v19)
- Spiritual refreshment (v20)
- Future hope (v20-21)

Before the Council

- Annas is designated as high priest. He had served in that role earlier (A.D. 6–15) and was the controlling figure in the high-priestly circle, which may also explain why he is given the title here. His son-in-law Caiaphas was the official high priest at this time (serving A.D. 18–36), and Annas's son John would serve in the role later (36–37). (ESV Study Bible)
- Acts 4:13 is the key to understanding the movement of the early church - "they had been with Jesus"

- **9** “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. **10** And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. **11** Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. // Mark 13:9-11

A Different Kind of Prayer

- The believers pray for boldness in the midst of persecution not the removal of the persecution