

MIRACLES AND HEALING IN THE BOOK OF ACTS

MIRACLES	LOCATION	PERSON	RESULT	REFERENCE
Ananias and Sapphira struck dead	Jerusalem	Peter	Fear	5:1-10
Peter and John communicate the Holy Spirit	Samaria	Peter, John	Believed	8:14-17
Peter delivered out of prison by an angel	Jerusalem	Angel, Peter	Astonished	12:7-17
God smites Herod, so that he dies	Jerusalem	Angel of the Lord	Word of God Grew	12:21-24
Paul caused Elymas the sorcerer to be blinded	Paphos	Paul & Barnabas	Believed	13:8-12
Paul casts out a spirit of divination	Philippi	Paul	Prison	16:16-18
Paul and Silas's prison doors opened by an earthquake	Philippi	Earthquake	Believed	16:25-26
Paul communicates the Holy Spirit to disciples of John	Ephesus	Paul	Believed, Baptized	19:1-6
Paul shakes off a viper	Malta	Paul	Convinced true	28:3-6

NOTES

- Miracles in general: 2:1-13; 2:43, “many wonders and signs were done through the apostles,” 5:12-16; 6:8; 8:6; 14:3; 15:12; 19:11-12; 28:9.
- There is no occasion of a miracle occurring without an apostle present. Thus, when the apostles were not present, no miracle occurred.

HEALING	LOCATION	PERSON	RESULT	REFERENCE
Peter heals a lame man	Jerusalem	Peter	Believed	3:1-11
Ananias restores Paul's sight	Damascus	Ananias, Paul	Received Sight	9:17-21
Peter heals Aeneas of a palsy	Lydda	Peter	Believed	9:33-34
Peter raises Tabitha, or Dorcas, to life	Joppa	Peter	Believed	9:36-41
Paul heals a cripple	Lystra	Paul	Believed	14:8-10
Paul heals multitudes	Ephesus	Paul	Believed, Fear	19:11-17
Paul restores Eutychus to life	Troas	Paul	Comforted	20:9-12
Paul heals the father of Publius and others	Malta	Paul	More Healing	28:7-9

NOTES

- In the book of Acts, when the gift of healing was exercised, it was not on behalf of believers. It was a sign to unbelievers to get their attention and then to hear the truth. There are no healings referred to nor instruction given in any New Testament church about healing (cf. Ja.5:14).
- We do not find the apostle Paul going back to the established churches and healing the sick people there. Believers do not need confirming signs after they are saved. They simply need to believe the truth. As you go through Acts and the epistles you start to notice people get sick and even die.
- Healing by God is in response to prayer and His will. The only instruction we have from the apostle Paul is to pray for all saints and let God do His perfect will.