12 For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any twoedged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

Acts Part 6

"Peter's Apostolic Authentication"

42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



43 Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.



44 And all the believers were together and had all things in common; 45 and they would sell their property and possessions and share them with all, to the extent that anyone had need.



46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.



1 Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the hour of prayer.



2 And a man who had been unable to walk from birth was being carried, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order *for him* to beg for charitable gifts from those entering the temple grounds.



3 When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple grounds, he began asking to receive a charitable gift. 4 But Peter, along with John, looked at him intently and said, "Look at us!"



5 And he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, "I do not have silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk!"



7 And grasping him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. 8 And leaping up, he stood and began to walk; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God.



9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God; 10 and they recognized him as being the very one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg for charitable gifts, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1 (NASB)



2 this man came to Jesus at night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

John 3:2 (NASB)



25 Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father's name, these testify of Me.

John 10:25 (NASB)



37 If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; 38 but if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

John 10:37-38 (NASB)



11 Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

John 14:11 (NASB)



12 The distinguishing marks of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs, wonders, and miracles.



3 how will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed to us by those who heard, 4 God also testifying with them, both by signs and wonders, and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

Hebrews 2:3-4 (NASB)

- •Miracles in the Book of Acts were always performed by the Apostles or their close coworkers in ministry.
 - No miracle was ever performed without an apostle being physically present.



- Nearly every miraculous healing in Acts was done to a non-believer
 - ·Acts 3:1-11 (Man unable to walk)
 - Acts 5:15-16 (Sick or tormented with unclean spirits)
 - Acts 8:7 (Unclean spirits, paralyzed or limp on crutches)
 - ·Acts 19:11-12 (sick, evil spirits)
 - Acts 28:8 (father of Publius, fever dysentery)

