

Greater Things

Acts 9:32-43

**Whoever believes in me will also do
the works that I do; and greater
works than these will he do...**

John 14:12 ...

Generally speaking,

Acts 1-12 The works of Apostle Peter

Acts 13-28 The works of Apostle Paul

Compare

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. Acts 8:1

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest Acts 9:1

After Paul sent to Tarsus

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Acts 9:31

The Works that I do

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The Healing of Aeneas

32 Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he came down also to the saints who lived at Lydda. 33 There he found a man named Aeneas, bedridden for eight years, who was paralyzed. 34 And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; rise and make your bed.” And immediately he rose. 35 And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

Mark 2:10-12

¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

John 5:6-8

⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷ The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸ Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

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The resuscitation of Docus

Acts 9:38-41

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, “Please come to us without delay.” ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside, and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

Mark 5:35-42

³⁵ While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶ But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷ And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰ And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴² And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement.

The parallel

Private – not for show or for others sake

Prayer – acknowledging the power is from God

Proclamation

– “**Talitha koum / Little girl get up**”

– “**Tabitha koum**” / **Tabitha arise**

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Greater Works

greater works than these will he do

Not greater in quality

There are no great works in quality

He did all things perfectly

Greater in fulfilling God's command

“Go and make disciples” not Go and heal.

Vs. 35 They turned to the Lord

Vs 42 Many believed

Greater in fulfilling God's plan.

On the cross Jesus cried "It is finished"

Now the message of forgiveness is preached

**Now the Holy Spirit convicts hearts and lives
are transformed**

**Peter preached on Pentecost
and 3,000 came to faith.**

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Conclusions

1. Miracles are still possible –

Got any rivers you think are uncrossable

Got any mountains you can't tunnel through

God specializes in things tho't impossible

He does the things others cannot do

But -Signs and wonders may follow believers,

but believers don't follow signs and wonders.

2. God is still sovereign

- no amount of good works makes you immortal

Not every sick person is healed

- even the Apostle Paul prayed for healing and was denied

3. God is still changing the world

- In the whole scope of the impact of Christ's people and His church on the world throughout history.

The worth of life, (overcoming slavery), battle against abortion

Education, 7 of the 8 Ivy league Universities were started by the church

Health care (hospitals 1 out of every 5 beds are run by faith-based institutions)

What works of Christ will you do?

Which is greater?

Healing the blind

or helping the spiritually blind to see the love of God

Healing the lame

or discipling new believers to walk with God

Cleansing the leper

or proclaiming the cleaning grace of God

Raising the dead

*or enabling others to be turned from spiritual death
to eternal life*

What will you do?

**Healing or resuscitating someone
not likely but possible**

– but you can do the works Jesus did

Will you welcome children and encourage them?

Will seek to feed the hungry and comfort the grieving?

**Will you reach out to the despised and marginalized in life
and spend time with them?**

Will you build up the church, the bride of Christ?

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