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- A crowd begins to gather in response to the miraculous healing of lame man, who is now standing, and leaping, and praising God.
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- The God of our fathers, the God of Israel has done this. He has sent, glorified Jesus and raised him to life from the dead.

How Was the Lame Man Healed? (V11-16)

"16 And His name, and the faith in His name, has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man perfect health in the presence of you all."

- What *actually* caused the healing of the lameness in this man? It was faith in Jesus' name that made the lame man well.
- Jesus, and trust in Him brought healing to this man.
- Peter was demonstrating a living faith. A faith that not only "believes" for entrance into heaven, but one that trusts that Jesus is desiring reveal the kingdom of God through his servant.
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- Jesus is the transliteration of the Hebrew name for *Yeshua* which which means Yahweh is salvation.

“Salvation exists in no other name, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12) (See also Matthew 1:21, Philippians 2:9-11)

- The use of Jesus name in prayer, intercession, healing and worship is a practice rooted and founded in the the conviction of his intercessory power and presence.

Ignorance and Repentance (v17-26)

“17 I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18 But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, thus he fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

- Grace is given for ignorance, but with awareness comes the call for repentance.

Arrested (4:1-4)

“1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. 4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

- Teaching about Jesus and his resurrection from the dead will frustrate people.

A Few Takeaways....

1. God wants to, and does, use His people to accomplish what only he can do to build the church and manifest the kingdom of God on earth.
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