

WHY ARE WE SURPRISED?

As preached on Sunday, April 14th

Read: Acts 3:1-26

1. We're told in v.1 that Peter and John are headed to the temple at the time of prayer. Why are they going to the Jewish temple now that they are Christians?
2. A man who had been crippled his whole life was at the temple gate begging. Why does Peter say, "Look at us!" when the man asks them for money? Do you think there is any significance to Peter's request?
3. Peter tells the man that he has no money to give. What does Peter offer him instead? How does Peter know that he can offer this? By what authority does Peter make his offer?
4. How does the crowd respond? What is the relationship between the miracle that is performed and the message that Peter preaches in vv.11-18?
5. In v.12 Peter asks the crowd why they are surprised at what has happened. What point is he making?
6. What remedy does Peter offer in vv.19-26? In what ways is Jesus our "Savior of refuge"? What promises will come to the people when they repent and turn to God?
7. How often are you surprised at the way God is at work in your life? What is it about his work in your life that makes you surprised? Is the surprise you feel good, bad, or both? (explain)
8. When was the last time you asked God to give you something far more than you would usually expect or ask for? Take a moment to ask him for just that right now.