

Peter's and Paul's parallel healings of a man lame from birth

ELEMENTS IN COMMON

1. **Both men are “lame from birth”** (Greek, *chōlos ek koilias metros*)
2. **Peter and Paul both “looked intently”** (Greek, *atenisas*) at the man
3. **Both healed men “leap”** (Greek, *allomai*, only these two places in Acts)
4. **The crowds “see” and respond**
5. **Both Peter and Barnabas/Paul disclaim any personal authority** for the healing but attribute it to God

ELEMENTS IN CONTRAST

1. Location: Beautiful Gate in Jerusalem; the streets of Lystra
2. The first man is seeking alms while the second is not
3. In Jerusalem, the crowd is astonished but does nothing more; in Lystra, they proclaim Barnabas and Paul to be “Zeus” and “Hermes” and want to sacrifice to them.
4. Peter's speech in response is grounded in the biblical covenant with his hearers; Barnabas/Paul speech in response is grounded in the Creator
5. The Jerusalem elite arrest Peter; the Judeans from Antioch and Iconium come and stone Paul and drag him out of town