

Does Preaching or Miraculous Signs bring about Saving Faith? By Joshua Stucki, referencing Terry Carter's "Relationships of Signs to the World"

Passage (in Acts)	Miraculous Sign? (Y/N)	Reaction to Miracle?	Preaching? (Y/N)	Reaction to Preaching?
2:2-41	Y (v.2-3)	Bewilderment(v.6), Amazement (v.7), Questions (v.7-8), Wrong Conclusions (v.13)	Y (v.16-40)	Faith (v.37), Repentance (v.38), Baptism (v.41), Added to the Lord's Church (v.41)
3:7-4:4	Y (v.3-7)	Wonder (v.10), Amazement (v.10), Surprise (v.12), False Belief (vs.12)	Y (vs.13-26)	Believed/obeyed (4:4), Added to the Lord's church (4:4)
8:5-13	Y (vs.6-7)	Joy (vs.8), False Belief (vs.9-11), Wondering (vs. 13), Focus on Power instead of Truth (vs. 18-20)	Y (vs.12-14)	Believed/obeyed (vs.12+13), Baptism (vs.12+13)
8:26-39	N*	N/A*	Y (vs.30-35)	Belief (vs.36), Confession (vs.37), Baptism (vs.38), Rejoicing (vs.39)
9:3-11, 22:14-16	Y** (vs. 3,5,8)	Falling (vs.4), Questions (vs.5; 22:8+10), Blindness (vs.8), Fasting (vs.9), Praying (vs.11)	Y (9:6, 17; 22:10-16)	Belief (9:17), Commission (22:14+15), Baptism/Wash Away Sins (22:16)
10:3-48	Y*(vs. 3-16; 44-46)	Doubt (vs.8+17), Fear (vs.4), Astonishment (vs.45), Remembrance (11:16)	Y (vs.35-43)	Belief (vs. 33), Baptism (vs. 47-48), Added to the Lord's Church (vs. 34-35)
13:11-12	Y (vs.11)	Blindness (vs. 11), Astonishment (vs. 12)	Y (vs. 12)	Belief (vs. 12)
14:1-3	N	N/A	Y (vs.1+3)	Belief (vs. 1)
14:8-23	Y (vs. 10)	Excitement (vs. 11), False	Y (vs.15-	Restrained false worship (vs.

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		Worship (vs. 11+12), Pagan Priest comes with sacrifice (vs. 13)	17)	18), More preaching (vs. 21), Confirming the souls of the disciples (vs. 22), Exhorting to continue in the faith (vs. 22)
16:13-15	N	N/A	Y (vs. 13-14)	Belief (vs. 14), Baptism (vs. 15), Invitation to hospitality (vs. 15)
16:26-34	Y (vs. 26)	Awoke the jailer (vs. 27), prompted to consider suicide (vs. 27), believed a falsehood (vs. 29)	Y (vs. 31-32)	Out of prison (vs. 33), washed their wounds (vs. 33), baptism of jailer's family (vs. 33), dinner with new believers (vs. 34)
18:4-8	N	N/A	Y (vs. 4-5)	Belief (vs. 8), others believed (vs. 8), all baptized (vs. 8)
19:1-8	Y* (vs. 6)	Nothing before their belief and baptism; signs after baptism and laying on hands of Paul (vs. 6)	Y (vs. 4)	Belief (vs. 4), Baptism (vs. 5)
28:1-6	Y (vs. 3-5, 8 + 9)	Believed falsely (vs.4+6)	N	No converts

Summary (see 1 Corinthians 14:22-25 for New Testament teaching on the below):

9 Miracle + Preaching Opportunity Instance = 9 Instances of Conversion (*preaching led to faith each time*)

4 Preaching Opportunity w/ No Miracle = 4 Instances of Conversion (*faith comes by hearing – Rom. 10:17*)

1 Miracle w/ No Preaching Opportunity = 0 Instances of Conversion (*without preaching, no saving faith*)

We can be certain that preaching provides opportunity for conversion, not miracles!

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