

The Miracles of Jesus

Jn. 20:30-31

- And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Is. 35:5-6

- Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

- During his work on earth Jesus was a well-known miracle worker
- Lk. 23:8
- “And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was desirous to see him of a long season, because he had heard many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle done by him.”

- Many misunderstand what a miracle is -
- Survive a car wreck and call it a miracle
- Birth of a baby often called a miracle

I. Miracle defined

- An event which goes above the natural laws which control the universe

- **II. A few of the miracles Jesus performed**

1. Calmed a storm

- Mt. 8:23-27
- And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish

- And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!

2. Walked on the water

- Mt. 14:25-26
- “And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.”

3. Feed over 5000 with a small amount of food

- **Mt. 14:21**
- “And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children”

4. Paid taxes with miraculous act

- Mt. 17:27
- “Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.”

5. Cast out demons

- Mt. 4:24
- “And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.”

6. Healed serious illnesses

- Lk. 4:38-39
- “And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.”

- Ten lepers in Luke 17
- A man afflicted for 38 years in Jn. 5
- Gave sight to one born blind in Jn. 9

7. He raised the dead

- Jairus' daughter in Mt. 9
- Widow of Nain's son in Lk. 7
- Lazarus in Jn. 11

III. Purpose of these miracles

- 1. To develop faith
- 2. To confirm the Word of God!

Jn. 2:11

- This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

Mk. 4:41

- And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

Mt. 14:33

- Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

Jn. 6:14

- Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.

Mk. 2:12

- And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

Jn. 11:45

- Then many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

Mk. 16:15-20

- And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

- They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Heb. 2:3-4

- How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

- Once the Word was confirmed and completed miracles ceased

1 Cor. 13:8-13

- Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

- When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

IV. What about modern day miracles?

- “Modern claimants do a lot of talking; they do not and cannot demonstrate for us a single, solitary bonafide miracle. They are fakes in every sense of the term.” Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

Conclusion

- Many do not believe that Jesus actually performed miracles
- Their day of unbelief will someday come to end