

MIRACLES JESUS DID

Miracles are awesome events that cannot be explained by the laws of nature. Jesus Christ did many miracles that helped prove who He is.

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Many people have heard of the miracles in the Old Testament. The Israelites' crossing of the Red Sea was an amazing event.

Then there are the stories of Daniel in the lions' den, the three young men in the fiery furnace, Joshua and the walls of Jericho and many other wondrous events.

The New Testament tells about many more miracles. The Gospels record more than 30 separate miracles by Jesus. Jesus healed the sick, crippled, blind and deaf. He brought the dead back to life. He cast out demons and did many other miracles, and the people were astonished.

Miracles helped people believe that Jesus was the Son of God. His disciples were convinced after seeing some of the wondrous things He did. God also uses miracles to show His power and His love for us. He uses them to increase our faith, answer our prayers and for many other reasons.

WATER INTO WINE

Jesus' first recorded miracle was done at a wedding feast in Cana (John 2:1-11).

Mary, Jesus' mother, was there. Jesus and His disciples were also invited. Wedding feasts in those days sometimes lasted seven days. At some point, Mary noticed that the wine was running out. She knew Jesus could take care of this problem. She went to Him and said, "They have no wine."

Nearby were six large pots. Jesus told the servants, "Fill those pots with water." The servants hurried to fill each one to the brim.

Then Jesus said, "Pour out some and take it to the ruler of the feast." (The water had just been changed to wine by Jesus.)

As the ruler tasted the wine, he was pleased. He said to the bridegroom, "You have saved the best wine for the last!"

This miracle caused the disciples to believe Jesus was the Son of God.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Jesus and His disciples went around the countryside, teaching the people. A great crowd followed them because they saw Him healing people of their sicknesses (John 6:2-13; Matthew 14:14-21).

QUIZ TIME

If you were one of the servants, what would you think when you saw water changed into wine?

Would you tell others what had just happened?

QUIZ TIME

Why were the people following Jesus?

How many loaves of bread and fish did the young boy have?

Starting with this small amount of food, how many people were fed that day?

How many baskets of food were left over? Was this more than they started with?

Would you have given your food to Jesus so He could feed the people?

Jesus and His disciples went up on a mountain and sat down. As Jesus looked up, He saw all the people. He felt sorry for them. The crowd looked tired and hungry, especially the little children.

Jesus asked Philip, one of His disciples, “Where can we buy bread to feed these people?”

“Send them away so they can go to nearby towns and buy food,” one of the disciples said.

Jesus answered, “No, don’t send them away. Go and feed them.”

The disciples wondered, “How are we going to feed such a big crowd?”

Andrew, another disciple, said, “There is a young boy here with five loaves of bread and two small fish. But it’s not enough to feed all these people.”

Jesus said, “Tell the people to sit down on the grass.”

They sat down—about 5,000 men, not counting women and children. Jesus took the loaves of bread and the fish and blessed them. The disciples gave the food out to the crowd. Everyone was filled. They were no longer hungry.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Gather up the remaining food.”

After taking up the leftover bread and fish, they were surprised. There were still 12 baskets full!

HEALING A MAN BORN BLIND

Every day the blind beggar sat in a place where many people passed by. He begged for money from them (John 9:1-7).

On the Sabbath day, Jesus and His disciples came by. They noticed the blind beggar. They knew he had been blind from birth. It was common knowledge among those who had seen the beggar sitting there for many years.

Jesus’ disciples asked Him why the man was blind. “Who sinned, this man or his parents?”

Jesus answered, “Neither one, but this was done that God’s glory would be shown in him.”

Then Jesus spit on the ground. He reached down and mixed the dirt and spit together, making clay. He spread the clay on the man’s eyes. “Go to the pool of Siloam and wash your eyes,” He told the man.

The blind man obeyed Jesus. He hurried to the pool and washed the clay from his eyes. Immediately his eyes were opened. He could see all around. He had never seen the faces of his parents or anyone. He had never seen the sky, sun, moon, birds, animals, plants or trees. Now he could see everything!

His neighbors, who knew he was blind from birth, were amazed. “What happened?” they asked. He told them about Jesus and what He had done.

The people brought the man to the Pharisees and told them what had happened. These men did not believe the man. They called for his parents. His parents said, “This man is our son, but we don’t know how he can now see.”

QUIZ TIME

How do you think this man felt when he realized he could see?

Cover your eyes and see how it feels to not be able to see. Imagine how it would feel to be blind and then suddenly be able to see.

The Pharisees continued to question the man over and over about what happened. The man said, "I told you before and you did not believe me. This is a wonderful thing He has done, He opened my eyes. If this man were not of God, He could do nothing."

They became angry and threw him out of the synagogue.

Jesus heard what happened and came to him. Jesus asked, "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

The man answered, "Who is He that I may believe in Him?"

Then Jesus said, "You see Him, and He is talking to you now."

The man said, "Lord, I believe," and he fell down and worshipped Jesus. He became a follower of Jesus from that day on.

RAISING LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

Mary, Martha and their brother Lazarus were close followers of Jesus. He stayed at their home when He was near their town.

Lazarus became very sick. The sisters sent someone to Jesus to let Him know. They knew He loved all of them. They may have thought that He would come right away (John 11:1-44).

When Jesus received the news, He knew that Lazarus would die. But He also knew He would bring him back to life to show God's power.

He stayed two more days where He was. Then He said to His disciples, "Let us return to Judea. Lazarus is asleep, but I will go and wake him."

The disciples thought Jesus was saying that Lazarus was only sleeping. Jesus then said to them plainly, "Lazarus is dead."

By the time they arrived near the town, Lazarus had been dead for four days. Family and friends were gathered around the sad sisters, trying to comfort them. When Martha heard that Jesus was nearby, she went to meet Him. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died," she said.

She returned to the house and told Mary, "Jesus is here and wants to see you." Mary quickly went to Jesus. Mary fell down at His feet and told Him the same thing Martha had said. Jesus asked her, "Where have you buried him?"

They took Him to the tomb, which was inside a cave, with a large stone covering the entrance. Jesus said, "Take away the stone. You will now see the glory of God." As the stone was being removed, Jesus prayed to God. Then He called, "Lazarus, come out!"

Lazarus came out of the tomb!

Lazarus was alive again. Many of those who were there and saw this astounding miracle believed in Jesus.

HEALING A MAN'S EAR

This was Jesus' last night with His disciples. After they finished the Passover meal, they left and went to the Mount of Olives (Luke 22:39-51).

QUIZ TIME

A man was raised to life from the dead. How do you think he felt?

How do you think his sisters felt when they saw their brother alive again?

A lot of people saw this miracle. Do you think this news spread around fast?

QUIZ TIME

As Jesus healed the servant's ear, what do you think the servant was thinking?

If you saw this happen, what would you think? Was this a miracle?

Describe what you think a miracle is.

Jesus knew His death was near and went to a garden to pray. His disciples stayed a short distance away. He knelt down and prayed, feeling deeply distressed because He knew what was about to happen. God sent an angel to help and comfort Him.

He got up and returned to the disciples, who were sleeping. He woke them up. As He was speaking to them, a large crowd of people came with swords and clubs.

Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was leading them. Before the Passover, Judas had met with the chief priests who wanted to harm Jesus. He agreed to help them for money (verses 3-5).

Then Judas came near to kiss Jesus. Jesus asked, "Judas, are you going to betray Me with a kiss?"

The disciples realized what was happening. They stood ready to defend Jesus.

They asked, "Lord, shall we strike them with the sword?"

Before Jesus answered, one of them drew a sword and cut off the right ear of the servant of the high priest. Immediately, Jesus reached out His hand and touched the servant's ear, healing him.

This was the last miracle Jesus performed just before His death. It showed again that He was the Son of God.

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