

INTRODUCTION

In the New Testament, God sometimes used supernatural miracles to help people in need, but also:

- To prove that Jesus was the Son of God, the promised Messiah.
- To confirm the authority of Jesus,
- To prove that His words were true,
- To show that He had Divine Power in several realms.

DISCUSSION

Can you think of a time you asked God for a miracle and He didn't respond in the way you expected?

How did the situation turn out?

Were there any lessons you learned through the experience?

APPLICATION – READ JOHN 4:43-54

How do you think this royal official would have initially felt when Jesus did not respond to his request with the urgency he expected?

What was the royal official's response to Jesus?

How did his situation turn out, and why do you think Jesus might have chosen to answer the request in this way?

MISSION

What are some things you could say to a friend who has prayed for a miracle, but the miracle hasn't happened? What would be some things NOT to say?



06: THE MIRACLE OF Miracles

Today's Scripture

ISAIAH 9:6

JOHN 2:1-11

LUKE 5:1-11

MARK 4:35-41

ISAIAH 35:4-6

MARK 1:21-28

JOHN 5:21

JOHN 5:24

PSALM 16:10

MARK 2:1-10

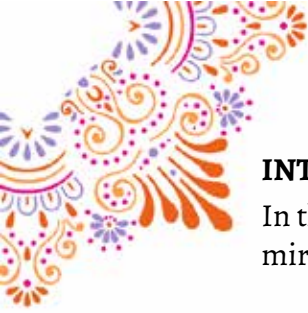
JOHN 5:24

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The Miracle of Miracles

*The History and Purposes of God's
Amazing Interventions*

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I. The Frequency of Miracles

Three Periods of Miracles in Biblical History:

- Around the time of Moses (The Law)
- Around the Time of Elijah/Elisha (The Prophets)
- Around the Time of Jesus (The Redeemer)

II. The Reason for Miracles

- During time of Moses
- During time of Elijah, Elisha
- During Time of Jesus

III. The Miracles of Jesus as Proofs

- Proving Who He Was According to the Prophecies
- Proving His Authority and Power Over Nature, Sickness, Satan, Death, Sin

IV. The Miracles of Jesus as Portraits

- Of the Type of People He Saves
- Of the Type of Work He Came To Do

The Authority and Power of Jesus Seen:				
Over Nature	Over Sickness	Over Satan	Over Death	Over Sin
John 2:1-11 Changed water into wine	Mark 1:29-31 Healed a sick mother	Mark 1:21-28 Cast demons out of people	Luke 7:11-17 Raised a widow's son	Mark 2:1-12 "Son, your sins are forgiven"
Luke 5:1-11 Controlled fish for a huge catch	Mark 7:24-27 Healed a daughter	Mark 5:1-20 Cast demons out of the Gerasene man	Mark 5:21-43 Raised Jairus' daughter	John 5:24 "He who... believes Him Who sent me will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."
Mk. 4:35-41 Controlled the Weather (stilled a storm)	Mark 1:40-42 Healed a leper	Mark 9:14-29 Delivered a demonized boy from the demons	John 5:21 Claimed the power to give life	Luke 23:43 To the believing thief: "This day you will be with me in Paradise"
Mk. 6:30-46 Fed 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish	Mark 2:1-12 Healed a paralyzed man	Matthew 4 Resisted Satan's temptation	John 11:1-44 Raised Lazarus from the dead	
Mk. 6:47-52 Defied gravity by walking on water	John 5:1-15 Healed a lame man		He was raised from the dead! 1 Cor 15:3-8,20	
Mk. 8:1-9 Fed 4,000 with 7 loaves and a few small fish	Mark 3:1-6 Healed a withered hand			
Mk. 11:12-21 Cursed a fig tree...It died at His word.	Matt 9:27-31 Healed two blind men			
	Mk. 5:25-34 Healed a woman with a 12-year hemorrhage, just by being touched by her			