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Chapter 1 - Book of Miracles

The Bible is a book of miracles. From Genesis to Revelation, the supernatural power of God is on display. If you could witness any miracle in the Bible which one would it be?

Exercise 1 - What is the first miracle recorded in the Bible?

There are at least eighty three miracles recorded in the Old Testament. From creation, Enoch's translation (Genesis 5:24), the flood (Genesis 7:17-24), confusion of tongues at Babel (Genesis 11:39), cities of Sodom and Gomorrah destroyed (Genesis 19:24-25), a donkey speaking in human voice (Numbers 22:21-35), the burning bush (Exodus 3:3), the first born destroyed in Egypt (Exodus 12:29-30), crossing the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21-23), Miriam's leprosy (Numbers 12:10-15), the sun and moon stood still (Joshua 10:12-14), the lion slain by Samson (Judges 14:5-6), Elijah fed by ravens (1 Kings 17:4-6), widows's son raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-23), resurrection by touch of Elisha's bones (2 Kings 13:21), three men delivered from the fiery furnace (Daniel 3:19-27), Jonah preserved in the belly of a fish for 3 days (Jonah 2:1-10).

There are at least eighty one miracles in the New Testament. Jesus performed at least thirty seven miracles Himself during His ministry. We know from our prior studies, that as the Angel of the Lord, in the Old Testament, He also performed miracles to those He ministered to.

Chapter 2 - Revelation of God

Miracles are one of the ways God reveals Himself to us. God makes Himself and His truth known at special times and to specific peoples. His revelation is not necessarily intended for that time and people only. We are asked to proclaim God's actions and marvelous works among all the people's of the earth.

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples! Psalm 105:1*

The special revelation of God is a treasure that is to be shared with the whole world.

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.
Matthew 28:19-20*

Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. Luke 2:10

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:8*

God's special revelation is given to us in many ways including miracles, prophecy, in the person and work of Jesus, in the Scriptures and in personal experience. For purposes of our study today, we will examine God's revelation of Himself through miracles.

Chapter 3 - Miracles

We now know that God reveals Himself in miracles. But what is a miracle?

Exercise 2 - What is a Miracle?

Read the Scriptures below and then write out your definition of a miracle.

So the Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A rod." And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), "that they may believe that the Lord God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you." Exodus 4:2-5

Then you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the Lord; and the God who answers by fire, He is God." So all the people answered and said, "It is well spoken." 1 Kings 18:24

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." John 3:36

And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; John 20:30

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— Acts 2:22

A genuine miracle is an unusual event, accomplishing some useful work and revealing the presence and power of God. In relationship to nature miracles are of two kinds:

1. Those in which the natural laws are intensified or augmented, as in the flood, in some of the plagues in Egypt, in the strength of Samson.
2. Those in which all participation of nature is excluded, as in the budding of Aaron's rod, the bringing of water from the rock, multiplication of the loaves and fishes, healing of the sick.

Many times the timing itself is miraculous, as in the case of the separation of the Red Sea. A genuine miracle accomplishes some practical and benevolent work. The miracles of Christ were for the benefit of those He ministered to.

Genuine miracles are a special revelation of the presence and power of God. They prove His existence, presence, concern and power. Miracles are occasions in which God shows to man that He is a living God, that He is still on His throne of the universe, and that He is sufficient for all of man's problems.

Exercise 3 - What is the greatest miracle in the Bible?

The greatest miracle in the Bible begins with God becoming flesh and continues with Jesus' ascension to the right hand of God where many more miracles will occur toward the end of the age and then onto the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom and the Eternal state.

- **God became flesh**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. John 1:1-3

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

- **Jesus lived among men**

the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us— 1 John 1:2

- **Jesus was crucified**

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. John 19:16-19

- **Jesus died**

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!" Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. John 19:28-30

- **Jesus was buried**

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus; and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took the body of Jesus. And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. Then they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. Now in the place where He was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So there they laid Jesus, because of the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb was nearby. John 19:38-42

- **Jesus was resurrected**

For as yet they did not know the Scripture, that He must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away again to their own homes. But Mary stood outside by the tomb weeping, and as she wept she stooped down and looked into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. Then they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Now when she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, and did not know that it was Jesus. John 20:1-14

- **Jesus ascended to the right hand of God**

Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11

The physical resurrection of Christ is one of the best-attested facts of history.

*You are the God who does wonders;
You have declared Your strength among the peoples. Psalm 77:14*

Chapter 4 - Jesus' Miracles

John tells us that all the books in the world could not contain all of what Jesus did (John 21:25), but we do have a record of many of Jesus' miracles. There are at least thirty four miracles that Jesus performed that are recorded in the New Testament and we know that there are many more not recorded but performed by Jesus during His ministry here on earth.

Exercise 4 - What do Jesus' miracles teach us and what did they reveal about Himself?

Although we don't have time to review them all in this study, let's look at about half of them. As you read the Scripture, write down the miracle, what Jesus is teaching here and what did His miracle reveal about Himself.

1. _____

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come. "His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it."

Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom.

And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him. John 2:1-11

Jesus' first miracle was to show His glory and to bring joy of the spirit. To serve the best wine last was unheard of; much like God's work to bring His son, Jesus, the best gift now. A new order has arrived and Jesus will progressively show who He is as He performs many more miracles. The disciples at this point put their faith in Him though they did not yet understand His death and resurrection, but they now knew His power.

2. _____

So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. John 4:46-47

The nobleman surely had resolved all possible means to heal his son since he was a wealthy man. He probably came to Cana because he had heard of Jesus' turning the wine into water. The nobleman was required to have faith in Jesus without seeing that his son was actually healed until he got home.

3. _____

So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"

For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken; and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him. Luke 5:1-11

Simon, an experienced fisherman showed a great deal of faith in Jesus when he obeyed. As a result he had a catch greater than anything they had ever seen. When Peter saw Jesus' divine nature, he also realized his own sinfulness at the same time. The result was that Jesus made the fishermen fishers of men. Jesus' teaching, combined with His miraculous acts, showed that He had the authority to call the men and have them respond by leaving everything.

4. _____

Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee. Mark 1:23-28

Here we see that a demon recognizes Jesus as God and sees that Jesus has come to destroy them. The people were astonished because they had never seen anyone have power over demons.

5. _____

But Simon's wife's mother lay sick with a fever, and they told Him about her at once. So He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the fever left her. And she served them. Mark 1:30-31

Simon's (Peter) home became something of a headquarters for Jesus when He was in Capernaum. Jesus' compassionate response to hearing that Peter's mother was in bed with a fever was to simply grasp her hand and raise her up. The fever left completely and without weakness she began to serve them.

6. _____

Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."

Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction. Mark 1:40-45

According to Dr. Walvoord, in the *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, it was a bold move for the leper to touch Jesus. This man experienced a pitiful existence due not only to the physical ravages of the disease but also to ritual uncleanness and exclusion from society. Leprosy brought anguish at all levels: physical, mental, social and religious. It also serves as an illustration of sin. The deliverance Jesus brought transcended the Mosaic Law and its regulations. The Law provided for the ritual purification of a leper, however it was powerless to cleanse a person from the disease or to effect inward spiritual renewal.

By touching him Jesus showed He was not bound by Rabbinic regulations. Jesus' touch was an immediate cure that all could see. The cleansing of the leper was an undeniable messianic sign that God was working in a new way. Jesus told the leper to go to a priest as a sign to them that He had arrived.

7. _____

Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him."

The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour. Matthew 8:5-13

This is Jesus' second miracle dealing with disease. Evidently the young slave was paralyzed, suffering intensely and he was near death. When the centurion told Jesus that he did not have to come to his house to heal him, the centurion was showing great faith in Jesus' ability to heal. Jesus commended him regarding his faith. He tells him that this kind of faith is what it takes to get into the Kingdom of God. Here Jesus is introducing that it is faith and not religious backgrounds that will get anyone into heaven. Those who reject the faith will be cast into judgment.

8. _____

Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region. Luke 7:11-18

In ancient days, a widow with no male relative would have a very difficult time surviving. Help for widows is a major theme in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus' heart goes out to her and he immediately begins to comfort her. When the widow and the others in the funeral procession stopped when Jesus touched the coffin they show they had faith in Jesus. They further acknowledged that God had come to help His people.

9. _____

Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him. And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!"

But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus is revealing His sovereignty, that He has control over everything. This time He shows His disciples that He has control over nature. First He is sleeping through the fierce storm, He is not afraid of the storm and then He calms the storm.

Jesus rebukes them for being afraid of the storm because He is with them. They have nothing to fear. Jesus will bring this perfect peace once again when He institutes His kingdom.

10. _____

When He had come to the other side, to the country of the Gergesenes, there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine."

And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water.

Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to depart from their region.

These demon possessed men are violent. Here again, the demons know that Jesus is the Son of God. They know that His coming would ultimately mean their downfall. They also recognized that Jesus had control over them.

11. _____

So He got into a boat, crossed over, and came to His own city. Then behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you."

And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemes!"

But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." And he arose and departed to his house.

Now when the multitudes saw it, they marveled and glorified God, who had given such power to men.

These people's faith was evident because they brought the paralytic to Jesus to be healed. Mark explains that four men lowered him through the roof (Mark 2:3-4). Several religious leaders were present and hear Jesus reveal that the man's sins are forgiven. Apparently the illness had resulted from his sin. Here Jesus reveals once again His divine power and authority, for only God can forgive sins.

This is the first opposition of the religious leaders to Jesus. Jesus also reveals that He is omniscient, He knows their thoughts. The crowd recognizes that Jesus is God and they praise God.

12. _____

While He spoke these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay Your hand on her and she will live." So Jesus arose and followed him, and so did His disciples. Matthew 9:18-19

When Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd wailing, He said to them, "Make room, for the girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they ridiculed Him. But when the crowd was put outside, He went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went out into all that land. Matthew 9:23-26

The miracle described here is probably the same as Mark (5:22) and Luke described (Luke 8:42). The ruler called Jairus in Mark and Luke, came to Jesus to ask him to raise his daughter from her death that had just occurred. What incredible faith Jairus displays here. He tells Jesus that he knows that if Jesus will just touch her she will come alive! When Jesus gets to Jairus' house a funeral has already begun for her. The crowd ridicules Jesus as He proclaims that she is not dead. In spite of the crowd of doubters, Jesus raises the young girl from death to life.

13. _____

And behold, there was a man who had a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"—that they might accuse Him.

Then He said to them, "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out? Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath." Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other. Matthew 12:10-13

Since it was the Sabbath, Jesus was in the synagogue. A man with a shriveled hand was there. The pharisees raised the question to Jesus if it is lawful to heal on the Sabbath. It is possible that the Pharisees planted this man in the synagogue to create an incident. However Jesus used the incident to teach a valuable lesson.

Jesus answers their question as He often did with another question. Would you pull your sheep out of a pit on the Sabbath? If mercy was to be offered to an animal on the Sabbath, then wouldn't an individual be offered the same mercy. Scripture did not forbid it and Jesus' logic was flawless. He had compassion on the man and healed his hand. Sadly, the Pharisees did not learn the lesson Jesus presented and they went out and plotted against Jesus.

14. _____

When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food."

But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "We have here only five loaves and two fish."

He said, "Bring them here to Me." Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 14:15-21

Many theologians believe that this miracle besides having compassion on those who had traveled to hear Him and taking care of their need to eat was for the disciples. According to Dr. Walvoord in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, Jesus was demonstrating the kind of ministry they would have after His departure. They would be involved in feeding people with spiritual food. The source for their food would be Jesus. When their supply ran out, as with the bread and fish, they would need to return to the Lord for more. Jesus would supply them, but the feeding would be done through them.

15. _____

Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away.

And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive." Matthew 21:18-22

Jesus was hungry and noticed the fig tree with leaves which meant it should have fruit. Since it did not have fruit He cursed it and used the event to teach a lesson in faith. If the disciples had genuine faith in God they would be able to do miracles such as cursing the tree and even more be able to move mountains. If they truly believed they would receive whatever they prayed for. Jesus was teaching the importance of faith rather than doubting or simply marveling. By contrast the nation of Israel had failed to exercise faith in Him.

Many believe that Jesus saw this fig tree as a symbol of Israel at that time. They were professing to be fruitful, but on a closer look there was no fruit. By cursing that generation, Jesus was showing His rejection of them and predicting that no fruit would ever come from them. Within a few days, that generation would reject their King and crucify Him. However, the entire nation of Israel was not set aside.

16. _____

Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.' " And they remembered His words. Luke 24:5-8

The first people to learn of the resurrection of Jesus were the women who had been faithful in following Him. They had brought more spices for His burial and did not find Jesus' body. Instead two angels appeared and reminded them of the words Jesus had spoken about His

crucifixion and resurrection. Without a doubt they knew that Jesus was in fact God and He would do all that He said He would do.

Throughout these miracles Jesus shows overwhelming compassion for people He encounters: healing illnesses, diseases and infirmities, raising those who had died from death to life, casting out demons, and feeding those that followed Him.

Jesus also progressively revealed that He is God: first showing His glory, then His omnipotence and sovereignty with His ability to heal, His ability to forgive sin so that people could see the Kingdom of God, that He is the Son of Man, that He can answer prayer, the beauty of compassion over legalism, He is the provider, and that He will do what He says He will do.

Just like today, those who had faith in Him experienced dramatically changed lives: healing, hope, restoration, lives free from the power of sin, and spending eternity with Him in heaven.

Understanding the Miracles of Jesus

Understanding Jesus' miracles involves looking at them through both a spiritual and historical lens. Spiritually they show the breaking in of God's Kingdom into the world, bringing healing, restoration and hope. Historically, they reflect the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the expectation of Messiah's coming.

The miracles of Jesus teach us about the power of faith, the importance of compassion, and the reality of God's presence in our lives. They remind us that nothing is impossible with God and encourage us to trust in His ability to provide and heal.

While many religious traditions recount miraculous events, the miracles of Jesus are unique in that they are deeply intertwined with His identity as Son of God and the Savior of humanity. They are not just displays of power but acts that reveal God's character and His plan of salvation.

Chapter 5 - Do Miracles Still Happen Today?

Like many others, I believe that miracles still happen today. They are not contrary to every day experience. All true Christians testify to the fact that God answers prayer. We see it in our lives and the lives of our family and friends. We are certain that the laws of nature “as we know them” can not account for the things we have experienced in our own lives and seen with our own eyes. No amount of opposition will ever persuade us to think otherwise. Suffice it to say, the answers to prayer and the experience of regeneration prove that miracles still happen today.

*And there are also many other things that Jesus did,
which if they were written one by one, I suppose that
even the world itself could not contain the books
that would be written. Amen. John 21:25*

Answers to Exercises

Exercise 1 - What is the first miracle recorded in the Bible?

God's creation of the world. Genesis 1:1-27

Exercise 2: What is a miracle?

A genuine miracle is an unusual event, accomplishing some useful work and revealing the presence and power of God.

Exercise 3: What is the Greatest miracle in the Bible?

God became flesh

Exercise 4 : What do Jesus' miracles teach us and what did they reveal about Himself?

1. Jesus changed water into wine. This was Jesus' first sign through which He revealed His glory and they believed in Him. Revealed He is God.
2. Jesus cured the nobleman's son. The nobleman requested he heal his son; he believed Jesus could heal him; he had faith in Jesus. Jesus was teaching about faith. He revealed He is God and compassionate.
3. Jesus caused a great haul of fishes. Simon Peter recognized His power and his own sinfulness. Jesus tells them to follow Him and they will fish for people. Revealed He is God. Teaching them to follow Him and surrender all; obedience (let down their net and also followed Him).
4. Jesus caused the unclean spirit to come out of the person. Revealed He is God with His omnipotence over the unclean spirit. Teaching He is God and compassionate.
5. Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever. Teaching that He is a healer, revealed that He is God and compassionate.
6. Healed a leper. Teaching about faith; the leper knew Jesus could heal him. Revealed that He is God and compassionate. He also revealed that He was not bound by Rabbinic Law; He was in fact, God.

7. Jesse healed the servant. Jesus is teaching about the kind of faith that gets people into heaven and without that faith they will be put out into the outer darkness. Jesus also reveals His compassion. Jesus reveals He is God.
8. Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead. Jesus reveals that He is God and has great compassion on the widow. The crowd recognizes Him as a prophet and that God has visited them. Jesus reveals that He is God.
9. Jesus stops the storm. He reveals His supreme power and authority over nature. He reveals He is God. He is teaching about faith.
10. Jesus heals the men and reveals His power over demons.
11. Jesus forgives the paralytic his sin and heals him. Jesus reveals His compassion and ability to forgive sin, which only God can do. Jesus also reveals that He is the Son of Man and omniscient.
12. Jesus raises a young dead woman from death to life. Jesus reveals His compassion and His power (omnipotence) over death. He is also revealing that He is God.
13. Jesus healed a man's hand on the Sabbath. Jesus was teaching compassion over legalism.
14. Jesus multiplied the five loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed over 5,000 people and there were left overs. He revealed His compassion when He did not send them away to seek food and revealed that He will provide.
15. Jesus caused the fig tree to wither. Jesus revealed His power, sovereignty. Jesus taught on faith and answered prayer.
16. Jesus rose from the dead. Once again Jesus is revealing that He is God; He is omnipotent and does what He says He will do.

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