

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Text: Matthew 11:1-5 “**1**After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.^a **2**When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples **3**to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” **4**Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: **5**The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^b are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. **6**Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Purpose of this study: To understand the importance of Christ’s miracles and the Spiritual lessons they teach.

- I. The Virgin Birth: Matthew 1:23 “²³ Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.”
 - A. **The Incarnation:** God becomes man.

- II. The Emptying of the qualities of God: Luke 2:52 “And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.”
 - A. **The Renunciation:** Webster - the formal rejection of something, typically a belief, claim, or course of action. "entry into the priesthood requires renunciation of marriage" Synonyms: abstention from, refraining from, going without, giving up.
 - B. Christ literally took on the full weakness and frailty of human flesh, so that He, as our High Priest, could be touched with the feelings of our infirmities. (Heb. 4:15)

- III. Turning Water into Wine: John 2:1-11 “**2** On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, “They have no more wine.” ⁴ “Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?” Jesus replied. “My hour has not yet come.” ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b] ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” ¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

- A. **The Transformation:** First miracle, and I believe, the greatest miracle. It is the miracle that would speak to His purpose – Taking one thing and making it into something better. It is the purpose of salvation.
- IV. The Healing of the nobleman’s son (John 4:46-54), The healing of the Syrophoenician woman’s demon possessed daughter (Mt 15:21-24), the healing of the centurion’s servant (Mt. 8:5-13), Healing the ear of the soldier at His arrest (Luke 22:51).
- A. **The Acceptation:** Gentiles are partakers of God’s goodness and love. They are now partakers of the blessing.
- V. Casting our demons.
- A. **The Declaration:** It begins in Matthew 3 with Jesus putting Satan to flight. The a proclamation is made, one that would reverberate throughout all of the demon world, “Your days are numbered. There’s a new Sheriff in town and He is superior to all.”
- VI. General Miracles: Healing of blind, deaf, dumb, leprosy, withered arm, lameness, etc..
- A. **The Certification:** When John the Baptist doubted, Jesus sent this message - The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them (Mt. 11:5). His power was the certification of who He was. Nicodemus, in John 3, made this statement, “We know that Thou art a Teacher come from God, for no man can do the miracles that Thou doest except God be with Him” (John 3:2). The “We” in the verse was most likely referring to the Pharisees, a group that hated Jesus, but even they could not deny the power of the miracles and where the miracles originated from.
- VII. Walking on water, Calming the sea, Causing a tree to die with His words, a fish with a coin in its mouth, fish swimming into nets at Christ’s command.
- A. **The Veneration (interpretation: great respect, reverence):** When Jesus performed these miracles, the disciples stood in awe of Him, moreso than at other times. Even nature itself was subject to Him, and they knew it.
- B. Interestingly, it was the Roman Centurion who understood it best, “I am a man of authority, **5**When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. **6**“Lord,” he said, “my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly.” **7**Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” **8**The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. **9**For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” **10**When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and

said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.” He was saying, “Just as my men are subject to me, so all of creation is subject to You.”

VIII. The feeding of the multitudes (two occasions).

- A. **The Improvisation:** Sometimes God works with what He has to work with. He takes what is available and makes it better. Little is much if God is in it.
- B. **Multiplication:** God is able to make much of little. He defies every scientific model. He is confined to nothing that man believes is impossible.
- C. This also shows the care of God for our physical needs. He cares that we are hungry, afraid, troubled, etc....

IX. Jesus visited by two Old Testament saints, Moses and Elijah.

- A. **The Transfiguration:** God gives us a glimpse into the future when Jesus will put on His heavenly glory and position. We see what this will look like in Revelation 20 – 22 in Scripture, but the disciples who were there, Peter, James, and John, got to see it first hand.
- B. It could be argued that Melchizedek was the same, and there we have Abraham recognizing the glory of Melchizedek. He was KING of peace (princes become Kings and Jesus is the Prince of Peace).

X. The raising of the dead:

- A. **The Dispensation:** God was among us and He was illustrating a new dispensation was at hand. There is no greater example of that than Life breathed into death. In the Garden, God breathed into Adam the breath of life.
- B. Two miracles proclaim Godhood. The raising of the dead and the forgiveness of sins. Those two miracles are things only God can do.
- C. There are three recorded times where Jesus raises the dead.
 - 1. Tabitha – It was probable that the people present thought she was in a deep sleep.
 - 2. The boy in the funeral procession – It is possible the people present thought he was in a coma. Good thing Jesus came by before they buried him.
 - 3. Lazarus – There is no questions here. He had been dead four days and was already in the state of decay.
 - 4. It is possible, and probably probable, that there were other occasions where He raised the dead. One of the things He stated in assuring John the Baptist that He was the Messiah was, “The dead are raised to life.” This, chronologically, seems to be before the recorded incidents above.

- XI. The Vicarious death of Christ:
 - A. **The Justification:**
 - B. Because of His substitutionary death, both bearing our sins and giving us His righteousness, we are completely forgiven and made children of God. This is the greatest of miracles.

- XII. The Resurrection:
 - A. **The Affirmation, The Glorification:**
 - B. This sets Him apart. Others had their “savior”, their prophets and leaders, but none have a risen savior.
 - C. This miracle sets Jesus apart as no other. No one, at this point, could question His position and power. God made sure He was seen by more than 500 people in His post resurrection state.
 - D. It should also be noted that His glorified body walked into a room with locked doors.
 - E. The Acts 2 story was made possible by two great happenings. 1. The Holy Spirit coming and making the story real. 2. The fact that the story of the resurrection had undoubtedly made its way around all of Israel by then.

- XIII. The Sending of the Holy Spirit:
 - A. **Sanctification:**
 - B. Mankind, in and of themselves, could not defy the reality and power of the sin nature, but through Christ sending His Spirit into men, a new reality and power became the story. Men/women now had power over their Adamic nature and could live a victorious life over sin, Satan, and human limitations.
 - C. Vessels through which God could manifest Himself.

PHYSICAL MIRACLE

Virgin Birth

Water into wine

Casting out demons

Lepers healed

Healing of centurion’s servant

Feeding of multitudes

Healing blindness

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION

God lives in flesh today

God transforms lives

God delivers us from the power of Satan

God heals from consuming sin.

God cares for all

Multitudes fed daily because of Him

Spiritual eyes are opened

Healing deafness

Healing the mute

Healing blood diseases

Walking on water

Raising the dead

No therapy for anyone healed

Vicarious death

The resurrection

The ascension

The glorification

Calming the sea and storm

153 fish in net

Dead raised after resurrection

Spiritual deafness alleviated

Puts words into our mouths

The genetic makeup of Adam is altered

The impossible is possible with God

The spiritually dead are given life

Instantaneous change of nature

100% forgiveness

We will be raised

We will ascend (Rapture)

We will be glorified

He calms our storms

The number of people groups in the world

We will be raised.