

HAVE YOU HEARD? MIRACLES OF JESUS

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Have you ever heard some claim an amazing event a miracle? The use of the term “miracle” has become so generalized that it is important to understand what is a true miracle. Miracles were supernatural events that overrode natural laws. For example, if someone recovers from a serious illness after months of treatment it is not a miracle. Miracles were instantaneous and required no visits to the doctor.

Jesus' use of miracles was prophesied in Isaiah 35: 4-6, “...*Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert*” (NKJV). Jesus performed many miracles but only a few are recorded. “*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*” (John 20:30-31, NKJV).

There were seven miracles recorded in John that demonstrated a facet of Jesus' power: turning water into wine (2:1-11); healing a man's son (4:46-54); healing a lame man (5:1-9); multiplying bread and fish (6:1-14); walking on the water (6:15-21); healing a blind man (9:1-7), and raising of Lazarus (11:38-44). These miracles demonstrate Jesus' control over quality (wine), space or distance (healing man's son), time (healing lame man), quantity (bread and fish), nature (walking on water), light and darkness (blind man), and life and death (Lazarus).

It is important to realize of miracles were used to confirm the word spoken was from God. Jesus sent His disciples to preach the gospel using miracles to confirm the message was from God. Mark 16:20 states: “*And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen*” (NKJV). Now that the Bible has been completely recorded and confirmed (1 Corinthians 13:10; Jude 3) there is no longer a need for these miracles or signs of confirmation so these have ceased as prophesied (1 Corinthians 13:8-10).

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