

## WHERE ARE ALL OF THE MIRACLES

### Luke 5:18-26

Many Christians today feel there is something different about the way God works compared with how He worked in the Old Testament and New Testament. Those who watched the ministry of Jesus were amazed at the miracles He performed.

**Acts 5:1-13** While the Apostles were with Jesus during His earthly ministry, and after His ascension, they also had the ability to do miracles and signs that amazed and caused Godly fear among the people.

**Exodus 4:1-9; I Kings 17:17-24; 18:36-39; II Kings 1:10** In the Old Testament Moses did miracles to demonstrate his authority as God's spokesman. Like Moses, the prophets were given instructions from God to give to the people and in order to verify their authority God granted them miracle abilities.

## JESUS UNIQUE MINISTRY

**John 3:1-2** Some of the miracles performed by Jesus were to authenticate that God was with Jesus as Nicodemus proclaimed when he came to Jesus looking for answers.

**Luke 7:20-22; John 3:16** Some of the miracles Jesus performed were to prove His role in the divine plan of God that brings salvation to the world.

**Luke 11:20; Matthew 10:5-8** Some of the miracles Jesus performed were to prove to the Jewish people that He had come to set up the Kingdom that they had been waiting for.

**John 20:26-31** All of the miracles performed by Jesus were to prove to those who saw Him and heard Him that He was indeed the Christ, the very Son of God that would bring salvation.

**John 4:34; 9:3-4; 17:4** The 'works' that Jesus had to finish were the "miracles, wonders and signs" that God the Father sent Him to do in order for the Jews to believe that He was Messiah.-(**Acts 2:22**).

## THE APOSTLES UNIQUE MINISTRY

**Matthew 10:8; Luke 10:1, 9** During Jesus earthly ministry He empowered His Apostles and other believers to perform miracles that not only amazed the Jews but amaze us as well. Again, these miracles were for the specific reason of authenticating Jesus as Messiah and to announce His Kingdom.

**Acts 2:43-47** The ability of the Apostles to do miracles was to authenticate the Apostles as Jesus leaders after His ascension, to prove Christ's divinity, and begin the building of Christ's church.

**Romans 15:15-19** As Paul began his ministry God gave him special abilities to performed miracles and signs because of his past life of persecution toward believers and to authenticate Christ in him.

**II Cor. 12:12; Acts 15:12** Paul writes to the Corinthian church in defense of his Apostleship because of some claims that other men were the true or greater Apostles. He points to the "signs, wonders, and mighty deeds" that he had done to prove himself. He later went to Jerusalem to the Apostles council.

**Hebrews 2:3-4** These verses look back when the Apostles brought the gospel to the people. It looks like miracles were not an every day occurrence but something the church is looking back on.

## PROBLEMS WITH MIRACLES SIGNS AND WONDERS

**Matthew 24:24; II Thessalonians 2:9** Jesus warns us that miracles and signs can obscure the truth.

**I Corinthians 1:21-23; II Corinthians 5:7** Signs, wonders, and miracles are not what we look for.

**Exodus 4:14; John 20:29** The time for miracles is over as far as believing. God's book is complete.

**Psalms 78:23-32; Matthew 12:38-39** After many miracles most lost people still will not believe.

**Matthew 16:1; Luke 11:16** Some seek after a miracle so they can excuse their blind unbelief.

**John 6:26; Luke 23:8** Some look for miracles for selfish reasons or just for curiosity sake.

**I Cor. 13:9-10; Ja. 1:22-25; Col. 2:6** We have the completed word and we are to walk by faith.