

MEET THE MIRACLE WORKER

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Act 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Mat 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

LET'S EXAMINE WHAT CONSTITUTES A MIRACLE

1. **A is supernatural happening** that is contrary that is contrary to what we know as natural and it is beyond human ability.

Luk 18:27 And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.

2. **Illustration of a Miracle:** Lets look at large jet plane weighing several hundred tons. The law of gravity holds the plane to the ground, and would certainly be impossible for this heavy plane to lift off the ground. But when it travels down the runway and takes off, it seems like a miracle in motion. When the plane begins to take off from its runway, the pull of gravity is still there, but another law takes over and the plane yields to a higher law, rather than the law of gravity.
3. **When Miracles are performed:** It is simply working with God on a higher level than that of natural laws. God and His power can suspend all natural laws and reverse anything, because He is the creator of both natural and supernatural laws.

4. **Therefore a Miracle is a supernatural event** which may be seen and observed by man, but is beyond the understanding of man.

Mar 16:20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following.
Amen.

5. **Faith is the element that moves the hand of God:** God is supernatural in origin, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” It is impossible to believe that He is the creator of all things, and to not believe in His miracle working power for us today.

- a. **Unbelief can hinder God in the performance of miracles.**

Jesus was unable to perform many miracles in His hometown of Nazareth because of unbelief (Matt. 13:58).

6. **The purpose of His Miracles was without exception performed to minister to the needs of man.** In the performance of His miracles, God showed His infinite love, mercy and compassion toward us.

MAN’S RESPONSE TO HIS MIRACLES

Luk 4:31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days.

Luk 4:32 And they were **astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.**

Luk 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Luk 4:34 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, *thou* Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Luk 4:35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

Luk 4:36 And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, **What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.**

Mar 7:37 **And were beyond measure astonished**, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

Mar 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, **What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?**

JESUS DEFIED ALL NATURAL LAWS

In the Ministry of Jesus Christ, He executed His power and authority over all natural laws and performed miracle after miracle.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

1. **Jesus had power over all diseases:**

Luk 4:38 And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her.

Luk 4:39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.

Luk 4:40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.

2. **Jesus had power over Death:** (John 11: 39-44)

Joh 11:39 Jesus said, **Take ye away the stone.** Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

Joh 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, **if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?**

3. **Jesus had power over Nature:** (John 2) Water into wine

4. **Jesus had power over the Tempest:** (Matthew 8: 23-27)
5. **Jesus had power over demons:** (Luke 4:35,36,41)
6. **Jesus had power over all things:** (Heb 2:8)

Heb 2:8 Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing *that* is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things put under him.

GOD HAD IMPOWERED THE CHURCH TO PERFORM MIRACLES

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

Isa 43:13 Yea, before the day *was* I *am* he; and *there is* none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF MIRACLES

1. **The Miracle of Supply:**

Php 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

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But my God shall supply all your need - That is, “You have shown your regard for me as a friend of God, by sending to me in my distress, and I have confidence that, in return for all this, God will supply all your needs, when you are in circumstances of necessity. Nothing is lost, even in the present life, by doing good. In thousands of instances it is abundantly repaid.

- a. **The Widow Woman:** Miracle of Need and God's Provision (1 Kings 17:12-14)

1Ki 17:13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

1Ki 17:14 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth.

2. **The Miracle of Deliverance:**

- a. **Jesus is the Mighty Deliverer:** He breaks every fetter and sets His Children free. "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36).
- b. God wants to break the back of every habit and everything that would hinder your walk with God.

Luk 8:2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,

JESUS PERFORMED THREE MIRACLES IN THE TEMPLE

1. **Man with an unclean spirit:**

Mar 1:23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out,

Mar 1:24 Saying, Let *us* alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God.

Mar 1:25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mar 1:26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

- a. God wants to establish this point in your life, when you come to church and get your deliverance, Satan's power has been broken in

your life and you're not subjected to him anymore. **You are the Man Now!** Habits, sin and any other devises have been broken by His power.

2. **The Man with the Withered Hand:**

Mar 3:3 And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.

Mar 3:4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.

Mar 3:5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.

- a. God wants you to exercise His authority over all your hang-up's from your past life. He will restore you to a full-fledged child of God.

3. **The Woman that had and infirmity eighteen years:**

Luk 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up *herself*.

Luk 13:12 And when Jesus saw her, he called *her to him*, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity.

Luk 13:13 And he laid *his* hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

- a. **Only God can straighten your life out:** You might have gone to every government program in the book, and it has not been able to set you free. We have a God that can perform that miracle in your life.