

5 Powerful Facts about the Miracles of Jesus

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, we plan on reading Matthew 8-9. These are some of the more unique chapters in the gospel because they contain an explosion of miracle from Jesus. No less than 10 miracles are recorded in these two chapters! As we prepare to read them this week, here are 5 powerful facts about the miracles of Jesus that we need to have in the forefront of our minds.

I. They are a core aspect of the gospel.

- A. One cannot expect to accept Jesus apart from His miracles.
 - 1. The miracles performed are just as important as His death, burial and resurrection!
 - 2. A “miracle” is an act that is not harmony with the natural laws of nature. They are in fact supernatural acts. They are things that cannot be done without the direct intervention of God.
- B. Why did Jesus do miracles?
 - 1. To provide supernatural evidence to back up His supernatural claims (Matthew 9:1-8).
 - 2. To provide us with the sufficient evidence to believe in Him as the Son of God (John 3:2; 20:30-31).

II. They give us insight into the heart of Jesus.

- A. They were a demonstration of compassion, grace and mercy towards the sufferings of others (Mark 2:40-43; 8:1-3; Luke 7:11-15; 17:11-14).
- B. Jesus did not perform miracles to exploit people for money, or to boast about His great power. The motives for His miracles were pure, righteous and noble.

III. They were instant and recognizable.

- A. People knew Jesus was performing real legitimate miracles.
- B. They miracles were instant (Mark 1:30-31, 40-42; 2:12; Luke 22:50-51).
- C. They were not done in secret, but in public (Acts 2:22).

IV. They could not be denied by Jesus’ enemies.

- A. The enemies of Jesus also witnessed His miracles (Matthew 9:1-3).
- B. Since they could not deny the validity of the miracles, they foolishly questioned their source (Matthew 9:32-34; 12:22-24).

V. They did not always involve faith.

- A. That is Jesus’ miracles did not always involve people having faith beforehand in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God (Mark 5:35-43; Luke 7:11-17; John 11:43-44; John 9:1-12, 35-38; Luke 22:50-51).
- B. This is much different than what modern “fake healers” promote today!

VI. Final Thoughts about Jesus Miracles:

- A. They provide you with the supernatural evidence you need to believe in Him.
- B. They show you that Jesus had real power !
- C. You haven’t seen anything like them today !
- D. They should ultimately lead you to being obedient to Jesus.