

MIRACLES

They change lives.



DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

1980 USA Olympic Hockey Team





MIRACLES CHANGE LIVES

1. Health and lives are restored.
2. Faith is strengthened.
3. People believe.
4. God is glorified.



WHY DID JESUS PERFORM MIRACLES?

1. To glorify His Father.
2. To provide signs for people so they would believe in Him.
3. To help people who were suffering.
4. To show His power over evil.

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO MIRACLES?

People respond with pure joy and gratitude.



- ▶ ¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”
- ▶ ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.
- ▶ ¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

TEN LEPERS HEALED LUKE 17: 11-16

Only one of the lepers returned to thank Jesus.

When miracles occur in our lives, do they bring us joy?

Are we grateful to God?

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO MIRACLES?

With Amazement



- ▶ ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.
- ▶ ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue.
³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means "Be opened!").
- ▶ ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.
- ▶ ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it.
³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

HEALING OF THE DEAF AND MUTE MAN

MARK 7: 32-37

- ▶ The people were so amazed at what they witnessed, they could not stop talking about it.
- ▶ Are we still amazed at what God does for us?
- ▶ When God performs miracles in our lives, do we talk about it?



DO THE THINGS GOD DOES FOR
US STILL AMAZE US?

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO MIRACLES?

People respond with fear.



- ▶ ³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” ³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”
- ▶ ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.
- ▶ ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”
- ▶ ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

JESUS CALMS THE STORM

MARK 4: 39-41

- ▶ The apostles were scared of the storm, but seemed more terrified after seeing Jesus calm the storm.
- ▶ Does the thought of turning our lives over to God make us nervous? Are we able to let God be in control?



JESUS CAN CALM OUR STORMS. ARE WE AFRAID TO LET HIM?

HOW DO WE RESPOND TO MIRACLES?

People try to present perverted explanations
or miss the beauty of the miracle.





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▶ ¹⁴ Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. ¹⁵ But some of them said, “By Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” ¹⁶ Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.

▶ ¹⁷ Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. ¹⁸ If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebul.

JESUS AND BEELZEBUB

LUKE 11:14-18

- ▶ Jesus wanted to demonstrate God's power over evil. Time and time again Jesus defeated the devil and his demons. He can do the same for us.
- ▶ When we have a demon in our lives we want to overcome, do we call on the power of Jesus?
- ▶ Do we still believe God's power can overcome all of the evil that surrounds us?

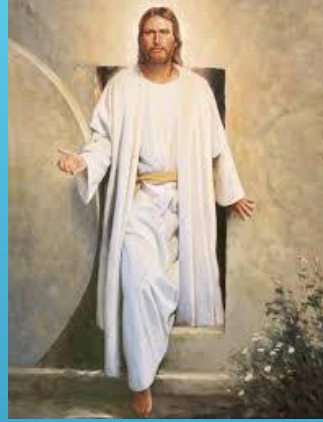


JESUS VS EVIL – NO CONTEST
US VS EVIL- WE NEED HELP

- ▶ ³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.” Matt: 26: 39



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THERE IS NO
MIRACLE?
DOES OUR FAITH GET US THROUGH?



- ▶ The greatest miracle to ever occur was Jesus' resurrection. This miracle let us know the true power of God's love for us. The resurrection opened the gates of heaven for all people. How are we responding to this miracle? Has it changed our lives?

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HAS YOUR LIFE BEEN CHANGED?