

The God of Miracles - Jesus

Matthew 9:18-38

Welcome back and here we go. Today we continue with the miracles of Jesus. As we have been saying, Matthew shows Jesus as God.

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- 1) What can we learn about miracles here?

Throughout the chapters 8 and 9 we see Jesus do miracle after miracle. I have been saying we would sum it up, so here it is. We have seen the miraculous in Jesus' power over:

- a) Leprosy
- b) Time and space
- c) Wind and waves
- d) Demons
- e) Paralysis
- f) Death
- g) Blood
- h) Blindness and muteness

Next week we will see this power delegated to the disciples and to us as well.

- 2) a) Are miracles important?
b) Briefly tell of a miracle that has helped your faith.

I think it is obvious we all have had some type of supernatural encounters in our lives, things we call miracles or miraculous! But for Jesus, these were demonstrations showing Jesus as God!

- 3) What do Jarius, the woman, and the blind have in common?

It is not too hard to conclude they had some form of faith. Jesus made a point of calling the woman out.

Mark 5:21-43

A second similarity is that people doubted (the disciples) or laughed (others).

Believing in God is easier than believing a man is God. Putting your faith in a man could be even more difficult.

What is not similar is status: unclean woman, mute, ruler of synagogue.

Jesus' love knows no bounds.

Really think about this.....

4) Why wouldn't Jesus do the miraculous for you?

I think all or most of us will verbally say..... *Oh, He will or would*, but in the quiet of our hearts, we might doubt.

Death happens in many ways. We have death of our faith, our hope, our love ("cold love"), our trust in others and of course, physical death.

Another similarity is they are desperate..... that fervency we just talked about last week.

5) Is peace a miracle? Why or why not?

You may need a miracle today, for yourself or for another. If you can put your faith in the man of Jesus Christ and believe in the impossible, I believe God can work in your life.

Next week we will speak about Jesus' power being delegated, but today I would like each of us to invite the Spirit to flow into the room for our personal requests in advance of making the actual requests.

Let's pray.

In every miracle Jesus had power go out of him.

John 16:12-15

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit.

6) Where do you need Jesus' power today?

Let's pray and give thanks.