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## The Purpose of Jesus Miracles. (2013)

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## Jesus Miracles Proved He was the Messiah the Christ.

The primary purpose of the miracles of Jesus was to prove that he was who he claimed to be. The following Old Testament Scriptures of the great prophet Isaiah testify to the truth that Jesus miracles proved he is who he claimed to be.

Thousands of years before Christ appeared Isaiah prophesied: -

- The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound" (Isaiah 61:1).
- The eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped (Isaiah 35:5).
- How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns" (Isaiah 52:7).

Then in the New Testament when John the Baptist questioned his faith and sent his disciples to Jesus to ask him if he was the one to come Jesus told them to tell John: -

- What they had seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them (Luke 7:22).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that Jesus miracles were a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the good news preached to them

## Miracles in the New Testament.

During the New Testament era it is interesting to notice that Jesus said, "There is no a greater prophet than John the Baptist (Luke 7:28) (KJV) yet John never did one sign miracle and to notice that only the apostles and three others they appointed (Stephen, Phillip and Barnabas) actually performed any miracles. Even more stunning is to realize that the thousands they saved never did any miracles and that the miracles Jesus and the apostles did do left no doubt that they were miracles of God since a great number of them were not even dependent on the sick person's faith as many were simply acts of compassion and for many it did not even matter whether they were Christians or pagans.

## The Purpose of Miracles.

Paul explains in the following verse why Jesus did miracles: -

- Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested (approved of God in the KJV) to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know (Acts 2:22).

Attested and approved in this context carries the idea that something is affirmed, and declared by God to be true. This clearly shows that the primary, purpose of miracles was too authenticated and confirm the following two things: -

1. That Jesus was sent by God.
2. That the twelve apostles were true apostles of Christ and of God.

We know this because Paul says: -

- The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works (2 Cor. 12:12).

This verse clearly shows that the miracles the apostles performed were to authenticate that they were true apostles sent by God and by Christ. Remember at the time of Jesus and the apostles the entire Jewish nation had been indoctrinated into the law of Moses with all its ceremonial rites and holy days and its religious customs and traditions for about four-thousand years and the Gentile nations believed in all sorts of gods and now Jesus and the apostles are introducing a totally New Covenant.

Though the Gospel is contained in the Old Testament it was veiled to the faithful, until Jesus death and resurrection. Even the apostles never fully understood until they saw Jesus in his eternal and glorified body after his death and resurrection. This means that neither Jesus nor the apostles had any New Testament scrolls or Bibles as we do today and they were introducing an entirely New Covenant of Grace that would abolish the old Covenant of Law, the need for the Levitical priesthood and the temple.

This is why God gave Jesus the fullness of His Spirit and the apostles a portion of His Spirit. If they did not perform the stunning miracles that they did why would anyone believe they were men approved of God? How could the people (especially the Jews) be expected to believe Jesus was who he claimed to be if he did no miracles? It was the stunning and awesome miracles that proved he was the Son of God the Messiah the Christ and Saviour of the world.

Some might say, "But there are men today who are performing miracles," maybe so, but none are turning water to wine, or walking on water, or calming a storm with just a spoken word or multiplying a few loaves of bread and fish to feed thousands. Added to this Jesus did not need mood shifting music to perform a miracle nor did he need the sick to believe.

It mattered not where Jesus was or who came to him he simply touched them or spoke a word and they were healed. No one was left in any doubt if the healings of Jesus or the apostles had actually taken place; there was no room for people to think that maybe a person's healing was simply a placebo effect. Men who had never walk instantly stood up and walked, others with withered hands were instant restored, a dead man walked out of his tomb the eyesight of the blind was restored and the list goes on.

When John the Baptist baptised Jesus God poured out His Spirit upon His Son without measure, meaning without limit. This is why Jesus had the power not only to heal, but also had the power over creation (walking on water, calming the storm, turning water to wine etc.). In contrast to Jesus the apostles were given a limited portion of God's Spirit in that they had only the power to heal all kinds of physical ailments and mental illness and all types of sickness.

**The following verses show that God is able to take a portion of His Spirit from one person and place it onto others as He chooses: -**

- Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD and he gathered seventy men of the elders and placed them around the tent then the LORD came down in the cloud and took some of the SPIRIT that was on him and put it on the seventy elders as soon as the SPIRIT rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it and two men named Eldad and Medad remained in the camp and the SPIRIT rested on them and so they also prophesied (Num. 11:24-26).

These verses clearly show that God is able to pour out His Spirit in varying portions and place it upon whoever he chooses.

**In the book of John it is written: -**

- Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31).

**Paul wrote: -**

- Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested (approved of God in the KJV) to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know (Acts 2:22)
- The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works (2 Cor. 12:12).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that the signs and miracles that Jesus did are recorded so that people would believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God and in believing they would have eternal life and that the apostle's miracles were to authenticate that they were true apostles of Christ and approved of by God.

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**MIRACLES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

It is interesting to notice that miracles throughout Old Testament history were not something that was happening every day as the following records show.

**From Creation to the time of the Flood**

- There were no miracles until nearly 100 years after creation and that was the translation of Enoch.

**From the Flood to the time of the Patriarchs.**

- The only miracle sign was the judgment of the Tower of Babel.

**From the Patriarchs to Moses.**

- Sign miracles were very rare, then through 400 years of bondage in Egypt there was not one word from heaven let alone a miracle.

**From the time of the Exodus with Moses and Joshua.**

- There is a sudden burst of miracles then later sign miracles became very rare again.

**From the time of Solomon all the way down to Nehemiah.**

- There were no miracles.

**Here are five surprising facts: -**

1. Throughout the Bible miracles did not happen every other week or to every other person in fact they are among the rarest events in the history of the world in fact so rare that over the entire history of mankind miracles were almost non-existent, the only exceptions were Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Elisha and Jonah.
2. Some of the godliest men (i.e., Ezra, Nehemiah and Zerubbabel) never experienced one sign miracle and when the end of the Old Testament came to a conclusion there followed a four-hundred year period traditionally known as God's silence.

3. John the Baptist who Jesus said was the greatest prophet of all (because he introduced Christ to the world) never did one sign miracle.
4. Only the apostles, Paul and three others they appointed being Stephen, Phillip and Barnabas did miracles.
5. The thousands the apostles and Paul saved never did any miracles.

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