

10 OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS THE CHRIST

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10 of the 40 Miracles that JESUS Performed which Prove that HE IS The MESSIAH

1. **JESUS was born of a virgin** (Isaiah 7:14 & 52:13-53:12; Matthew 1:17 & 18-25 and Luke 1:26-38 & 3:23-38). According to these and other Bible passages, only JESUS alone could be and IS The MESSIAH prophesied by prophets and described in historical records dating back more than 42 generations (about 840 years!) **before** HIS Birth!!

God The Holy Spirit fathered JESUS, predicted to generations of ancestors; born as a human; lived among us; taught us God's Salvation Plan; died for our sins; and was resurrected to life! Only JESUS—GOD The SON, could do this!! No one else!

2. **JESUS changed water into wine at a feast** (John 2:1-11). This was the first miracle of Jesus recorded in Scripture. Before Jesus began his public ministry, he attended a wedding in Cana with his mother Mary and some of his disciples. When the wine ran out, Jesus met a heartfelt need by changing ordinary water into the best wine. The Wine Steward exclaimed, "You have saved the best...for last!"

We should learn two lessons from this:

- a. Since JESUS is the best, we should put HIM **first** in all things, not last.
 - b. Why? Because JESUS is the **best** response to **all** of our heartfelt needs.
3. **JESUS healed the Centurion's servant** (Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10). During one of Jesus' visits to the town of Capernaum, a centurion—a Roman Officer—sent Jewish leaders to ask Jesus to heal his beloved servant who was ill and near death. Jesus agreed to go to centurion's house and heal his servant, but was told that the centurion felt unworthy to have Jesus come into his home. Jesus praised the centurion for his faith and the servant was healed right where he was.

This passage teaches us that GOD will bless us even though we don't feel worthy of HIS Love, as long as we believe in HIS SON JESUS and depend upon HIM.

4. **JESUS healed a paralyzed man** (Matthew 9:1-8, Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:18-26). While JESUS was staying at a house in Capernaum, some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to lay him before Jesus. The crowd was so great that they couldn't get him into the house, so climbed up and opened up the roof and lowered the man on his mat into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

We should learn from this that believing in The LORD is free and easy, but it takes **effort on our part to serve HIM. HE will bless us as we work and serve HIM.**

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5. **JESUS calmed the stormy sea** (Matthew 8:23-27, Mark 4:35-41, Luke 8:22-25). A furious storm came up as JESUS and HIS Disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee (perhaps), so that the waves swept over the boat, but JESUS was sleeping. The disciples woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"

HE replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then JESUS rebuked the winds and the waves, and it became completely calm. The men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

The take-away lesson here is: no matter how serious a matter may be and no matter how desperate a situation may seem to us, it's no match for The LORD. If we take our worries to HIM before we panic, there will be no need for panic. HE will turn our panic into praise!

6. **JESUS healed the woman with the issue of blood** (Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48). A woman who had been suffering from internal bleeding for several years was miraculously healed after she touched Jesus. She thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she knew in her body that she was freed from her suffering. Although people were crowded all around JESUS, HE knew that power had gone out from HIM to that woman. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

The lesson to us is that it's never too late to seek GOD's help. As we trust HIM, HE will pour out blessings that we will not have room enough to receive.

7. **JESUS fed 5,000 men and their families** (Matthew 14:16-21, Mark 6:35-44, Luke 9:12-17, John 6:5-14). JESUS had been teaching on a hillside. About five thousand men were there along with their families. There was plenty of grass in that place, and JESUS had the people sit down. Then Jesus took five small barley loaves and two small fish, gave thanks, and had them distributed to the multitude. When they had all had enough to eat, HIS disciples gathered twelve baskets of left overs. After this miracle, the people began to say, "Surely this is The Prophet who is to come into the world."

The message we should learn from this is the same message JESUS gave to the doubting Disciple. "Thomas, because you have seen ME you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed (in ME)" (John 20:29).

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8. **JESUS raised Lazarus from the dead** (John 11:1-44). Lazarus and his sisters were good friends of JESUS and involved in HIS Ministry. When Lazarus became ill, Martha and Mary called for JESUS to heal him. However, JESUS waited until Lazarus died. JESUS cried over Lazarus' death and then restored him to life.

This should prove two important things to us:

1. **First, JESUS is the Son of Man Who feels and understands our most intimate human pain and suffering. And at the same time,**
 2. **JESUS CHRIST is The SON OF GOD with absolute power over life and death!**
9. **JESUS healed 10 lepers** (Luke 17:11-19). While traveling along the border of Samaria, Jesus met a group of people suffering from leprosy and miraculously healed them. However, only one of the men, a Samaritan (a race of people hated by the Jews of that day) returned and thanked Jesus for healing him.

Sometimes the least deserving among us are the most grateful for GOD's Blessings. We must remember to always praise GOD for HIS Mercy, HIS Grace, and HIS Loving Kindness toward us, because we do not deserve any of them!!

10. **JESUS was crucified and died, and HE lives again!** (1 Corinthians 15, Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 24, John 20). JESUS was nailed to a wooden cross, then died and was buried in a tomb. On the third day, he was resurrected, meaning that God restored Jesus to life! Mary Magdalene and a group of women were the first witnesses to HIS Resurrection. Then HE personally met and talked with the 11 surviving Apostles and more than 500 other eyewitnesses.

The lessons for us are at least three:

- a) **GOD honored women—especially Mary Magdalene. HE showed HIS empty tomb to them first, and spread the news of HIS Resurrection through them!**
- b) **JESUS is fully God and fully human. Given HIS sacrifice for us, we who have been forgiven the most should love The LORD the most, even as Mary did.**
- c) **JESUS HAS RISEN!! Of that fact, there is no doubt, and upon that fact, all of our faith and hopes depend.**

Blessed is HE WHO comes in the NAME of The LORD! Hosanna in the highest! Peace be to all women and men, everywhere!!