



“AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB
AND BRING FORTH A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS
NAME JESUS.”

Luke 1:31

MIRACLES - PART 1

Part 1

What is a miracle?

The Lord Christ and miracles

Purpose of the Lord Christ's public miracles

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?



- Not simply extraordinary events
 - Airplanes, surgeries, computers
- Miracles are supernatural events
 - Immediate healing (blind, paralysis, etc.)

THE LORD CHRIST AND MIRACLES



- The Lord Christ's customary actions may seem to us as miraculous
 - He is above the laws of nature
 - Lk. 8:46 — "Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me."
 - The greatest miracle was His Incarnation
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- His greatest miracle was renewing the nature of man
- This is an unseen event
- Jn. 20:27,29 — “Do not be unbelieving, but believing...Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

THE LORD CHRIST'S PUBLIC MIRACLES

- All His public miracles reveal a greater unseen miracle

1. Casting out demons

- Evil spirits dwell in the world
- Jn. 12:31 – “...ruler of this world.”
- He came to cast out demons from the world
 - Baptism



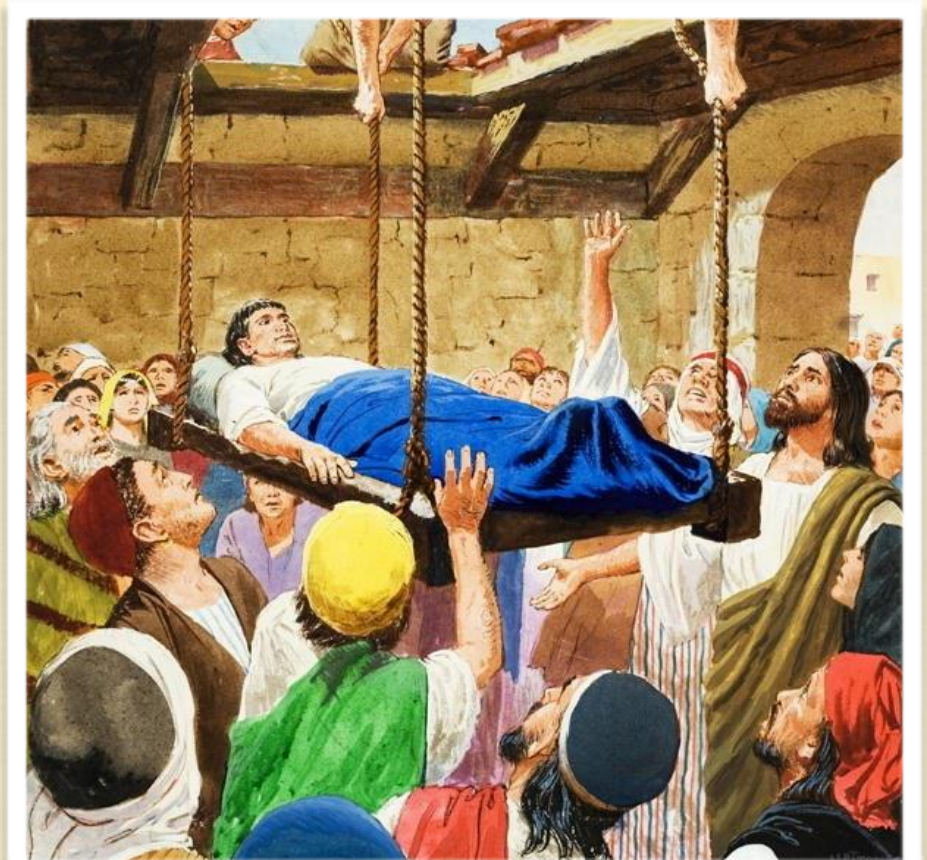
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2. Healing diseases

- Diseases are signs of corruption
- Paralyzed man carried by 4 friends

3. Healing lepers

- Leprosy — symbolizes the corruption of humanity leading to death



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4. Healing epileptic

- Epileptic = moonstruck, unable to think clearly, or lunatic
- Lk. 17:15 — “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.”
- Epileptic lost his ability to reason
- The Lord Christ came to heal us from the blindness or clouding of our reason/judgment

5. Healing of the blind

- The Lord Christ can give sight to the spiritually blind
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6. Raising the dead

- Jn. 11:25-26 — “He who believes in Me, though he may die, **he shall live**. And whoever lives and believes in Me **shall never die**.”

7. Feeding the multitudes

- Prov. 9:14-15 — “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here! As for him who lacks understanding, she says to him, ‘Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.’”
 - Jn. 6:51 — “I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”
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MOVED WITH COMPASSION

- Matt. 9:34 – “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.”
 - Matt. 15:32 – “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.”
 - Lk. 7:13 – “When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’”
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CONCLUSION

- Miracles are not simply extraordinary but supernatural events
 - Miracles were the normal for the Lord Christ
 - All His public miracles reveal a greater unseen miracle
 - Part 2
 - What is the relationship between faith and miracles?
 - Are miracles necessary?
 - Are all of God's interventions miraculous?
 - How to distinguish miracles from deception?
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