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Why We Worship Jesus As MIRACLE WORKER

(If a miracle walked by, would you recognize it?)

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"He returned to his hometown, Nazareth in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue and astonished everyone with his wisdom and his miracles. 'How is this possible?' the people exclaimed. 'He's just a carpenter's son, and we know Mary his mother and his brothers--James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas. And his sisters--they all live here. How can he be so great?' And they became angry with him! Then Jesus told them, 'A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own country, and among his own people!' And so he did only a **FEW GREAT MIRACLES THERE, BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF.**" (Mat 13:54-58 TLB)

5 types of miracles

The miracle of **physical healing.**

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." (Mat 9:35-36 NIV)

The miracle of **deliverance from oppression.**

"'Lord, have mercy on my son,' he said. 'He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water. I brought him to your disciples, but they could not heal him.' 'O unbelieving and perverse generation,' Jesus replied, 'how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.' Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment." (Mat 17:15-18 NIV)

The miracle of **material provision.**

"By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. 'This is a remote place,' they said, 'and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.' But he answered, 'You give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?' 'How many loaves do you have?' he asked. 'Go and see.' When they found out, they said, 'Five--and two fish.' Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. **Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.** Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand." (Mark 6:35-44 NIV)

The miracle of **personal protection.**

"Stay away from the love of money; be satisfied with what you have. For God has said, 'I will never, never fail you nor forsake you.' That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, '**The Lord is my Helper, and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me.**'" (Heb 13:5-6 TLB)

The miracle of **spiritual conversion.**

"After dark one night a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus, a member of the sect of the Pharisees, came for an interview with Jesus. 'Sir,' he said, 'we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miracles are proof enough of this.' Jesus replied, 'With all the earnestness I possess I tell you this: Unless you are born again, you can never get into the Kingdom of God.' 'Born again!' exclaimed Nicodemus. 'What do you mean? How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?' Jesus replied, 'What I am telling you so earnestly is this: **UNLESS ONE IS BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** Men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven; 'so don't be surprised at my statement that you must be born again!" (John 3:1-7 TLB)

Are you a candidate for a miracle?

Do you believe God can **do the impossible?**

"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'" (Mark 10:27 NIV)

Do you believe God **cares about your impossibility?**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16 NIV)

Are you willing to confess **you're utterly powerless?**

Are you willing to trust God **with the results?**

"If you will humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, in his good time he will lift you up. Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you. Be careful--watch out for attacks from Satan, your great enemy. He prowls around like a hungry, roaring lion, looking for some victim to tear apart. Stand firm when he attacks. Trust the Lord; and remember that other Christians all around the world are going through these sufferings too. **After you have suffered a little while,** our God, who is full of kindness through Christ, will give you his eternal glory. **HE PERSONALLY WILL COME AND PICK YOU UP, AND SET YOU FIRMLY IN PLACE, AND MAKE YOU STRONGER THAN EVER.** To him be all power over all things, forever and ever. Amen." (1 Pet 5:6-11 TLB)

Are you willing to **do something tangible?**

"What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?" (James 2:14 NIV)