The Miracles of Jesus

**Introduction:** The gospel accounts contend that Jesus was a prodigious miracle worker during his personal ministry (cf. Matthew 4:23-25). This verse indicates a different type of power than modern day “miracle workers” exhibit. There was no culling done. No disease was too difficult, no affliction too daunting.

We contend that the miracles Jesus performed proved Him to be who He claimed to be. If one accepts the gospel accounts of Jesus’ works, he must conclude that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of Mankind.

**Jesus performed miracles by His own authority**

* Healing of the Paralytic (Mark 2:1-12, esp. 7, 10-11) *“God alone”, “Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”*
* Casting out unclean spirit (Mark 1:23-27, esp. 24,27) *“the Holy One of God”, “For with authority He commands the unclean spirits”*
* Contrast this with the apostles (cf. Acts 3:6*, “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”)*

**Definitions (Acts 2:22)**

* **Miracles** – (*dunamis*) power, mighty work. Indicating ability, abundance, might. Miracles, as suggested in scripture, are the domain of God. Men are incapable of performing such works without divine assistance. (They are supernatural, go beyond natural ability).
* **Wonders** – (*tera*) an amazing or unusual thing, something outside of the ordinary course of nature. In this sense, it expresses the effect of miracles performed on those who behold the action.
* **Signs** – (*sēmeion*) that by which a person or a thing is distinguished from others and is known. This denotes the purpose the miracle. To designate Jesus as the Anointed of God!

**Types of miracles performed by Jesus (What was demonstrated)**

* **Power over diseases** (John 9:1-11; Mark 1:41-45; Matthew 9:1-8; Matthew 12:9-14; Mark 7:31-37; Matthew 15:29-31; etc.)
* **Power over demons** (Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 1:21-28; Luke 8:26-40; Mark 7:24-30; etc.) None could resist him.
* **Power over death** (John 11:17-46; Luke 7:11-17; Matthew 9:18-25).
* **Power over material things** (John 2:1-11; John 6:5-13; Matt. 15:32-38).
* **Power over nature** (Matthew 14:22-33; Mark 4:39; etc.)
* **Consider also:** Jesus had power over *quality* (type of wine in John 2:1-11). Jesus had power over *distance* (healing the nobleman’s son from a distance, John 4:46-54). Jesus had power over *disease and time* (healed the paralytic whose disease had existed for 38 years, John 5:1-9). Jesus had power over *quantity* (multiplying the fishes and loaves, John 6:5-13). Just a different way of looking at it.

**The Miracles Jesus performed signified that He was the Son of God!**

* **Peter’s sermon** (Acts 2:22-24, 36)
* **John’s Purpose in writing** (John 20:30-31)

**Conclusion:** After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, some who witnessed the miracle went to the Pharisees (Jesus’ enemies). John records, *“Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, ‘What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him’”* (11:47-48). The miracles of Jesus prove that He is God the Son, the Anointed One!