

What About MIRACLES?

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

I. WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

1. A miracle is not just anything that is "A_____."

Webster: Extra-ordinary events, manifesting divine intervention in human affairs.

Westminster Bible Dictionary: Events in the external world, wrought by the immediate power of God...

2. A miracle is when the S_____ I_____ the N_____.

II. DID MIRACLES REALLY HAPPEN?

1. Different views: some deny and reject, others discern and accept.

2. The necessity of miracles to Christianity.

C.S. Luis: ... "[Christianity] is precisely the story of the great miracle.

A naturalistic Christianity leaves out A_____ that is specifically Christian."

III. WHY WERE THERE MIRACLES?

1. To A_____. (*1 Kg 18* Verification / *Acts 2:22* New Covenant)

2. To P_____. (*Ex 7:14ff - Jn:20:30-31*)

3. To H_____. (*Luke 8*)

IV. ARE MIRACLES STILL OCCURING TODAY?

1. The primary purpose of miracles has been accomplished!

2. Consider the miracles the apostles performed: (*Heb 2:3-4*)

a. The signs/miracles pointed to the fullness of Jesus.

b. So I question/challenge those claiming to perform them today.

3. Do these facts alone definitively exclude God from having any involvement in our lives today?

>A PRE-LESSON EXERCISE<

A LIST OF A FEW MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE

Which Of The Two 'Groups' Would Each Miracle Be Classified As?

Group #1 'An exception to nature.'

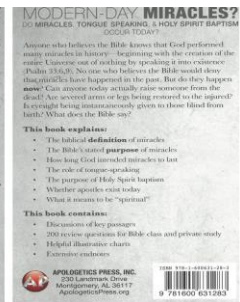
Group #2 'An occurrence in nature with or by natural means, but impossible or not reproducible without divine intervention.'

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| 1. The Initial Creation of the Universe.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 2. The Great Flood.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 3. Turning Water to Wine.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 4. Jesus Calms the Sea.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 5. The Plague of Flies.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 6. Raising Lazarus from the Dead.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 7. The Withering of the Fig Tree.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 8. Walking on Water.----- | 1 or 2 |
| 9. Feeding 5,000 w/ 5 Loaves & 2 Fish---- | 1 or 2 |



Review Our Recent Study On Miracles,
View Session #20 (Lesson 22) From
Wednesday's Class Series:
"Why I Am A Member of the Church of
Christ" (class 20) Miracles (4-17-24)"
<https://vimeo.com/936276504>

For Extended Personal Study,
Consider This brief, but thorough book by
Dave Miller: *Modern-Day Miracles?*
Available at [Apologetics Press.org](https://www.apologeticspress.org)



DEFINITIONS OF A MIRACLE: *Webster:* Extra-ordinary events, manifesting divine intervention in human affairs. *Westminster:* Events in the external world, wrought by the immediate power of God...

Consider Jesus' interest and involvement in our lives in light of these verses. (Heb.1:14; 7:25; 1 Pet.3:22; Ja.5:16)

As stated many years ago by Batsell B. Baxter:

"It's not unreasonable to believe that the same God who created the universe might continue to be interested in His creation & occasionally / _____ [working within nature providentially] directly." Not unreasonable, indeed.