



“I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God” is the most important statement mankind must know

Part IV

We ended last week’s discussion talking about the miracles of Jesus. I want to pick up and finish talking about the miracles Jesus performed.

Enemies of Jesus did not deny that He worked miracles (John 9:16; 11:47). Instead, some accused Him of using an evil power to do them (Matthew 12:24). Others said some of His miracles were unlawful (sinful) because He did them on a Holy day (Matthew 12:9-14). When He healed a woman who had not been able to stand up straight for eighteen years, “...the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, ‘There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day’” (Luke 13:14). The ruler could not deny the miracle. He could only express anger about its timing.

The goal of the miracles was not money or fame. Their purposes were:

- (1) To show God’s love.** “So, Jesus had compassion and touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight...” (Matthew 20:34).
- (2) To verify His identity as the Christ.** “...many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did” (John 2:23); “...many of the people believed in Him...,” and they challenged doubters by asking, “When the Christ comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?” (John 7:31).
- (3) To certify His teachings as being from God.** Even Nicodemus, a Jewish ruler said, “...we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2).
- (4) To lead us to heaven.** He came “...to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

Thousands of people saw and felt the miracles of Jesus. In Acts 2, Peter reminded the large crowd that they were eyewitnesses of the miracles of Jesus. He said Jesus was “...a man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know” (Acts 2:22). That day, three thousand people obeyed the Gospel (2:36-41). Their obedience confirmed that Peter was telling the truth. They were eyewitnesses of His miracles.

The miracles are powerful evidence that Jesus is God’s Son. No other has worked so many marvelous miracles like Jesus!