



## WEEK 3 – “Jewish Signs”

### REVIEW

**WK 1** We must judge every **EXPERIENCE** by the infallible standard which is **GREATER** than any experience (*2 Peter 1:19-21*).

**WK 2** “*Tongues*” are **NOT** an unintelligible language. “*Tongues*”, as defined by the Bible, is a known spoken **understandable** language (foreign to speaker, understood by hearer).

**NOTE** What is called “*tongues*” by many so-called “*Christian*” groups, is actually “*unknown tongues*” according to the Bible.

### THE PURPOSE OF SIGNS AND WONDERS

1. Keys to understanding signs and wonders

a. **Exodus 4:1-7; 4:29-31**

In these passages, Moses and Aaron wrought **SIGNS** and *wonders* in the sight of the people (*Jews*) for the sole purpose that they (*Jews*) would **BELIEVE!**

**NOTE** These are the first man-initiated signs in the Bible. They are a sign to Israel! They were to convince the Jew that Moses was from God!

- Old Testament Jews living at the time of Acts did not have a completed New Testament Bible. Many Jews (*especially those scattered abroad - Acts 8:1*) did not yet know that their Messiah had come, but did know, through the O.T., that they should be looking for Him.

❖ He would be working **SIGNS** and WONDERS to identify Himself to them.

b. **Deuteronomy 18:15-19**

This is the O.T. prophecy concerning the “True **PROPHET**” ... Jesus Christ. Jesus would be “**LIKE unto Moses**”. (**Acts 3:22**)

**NOTE** We know for certain that Jesus fulfilled the scriptures perfectly because He worked **SIGNS** and WONDERS (*just like Moses*).

**Hebrews 2:3-4**  
... which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto **us** by them that heard him; God also bearing **them** witness, both with **signs and wonders**...

**Acts 3:22**  
For Moses truly said... **A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, LIKE UNTO ME; him shall ye hear in all things**...

c. **Mark 16:17, 20**

God said that the testimony of them that believed would be that they would speak with “*new tongues*” (**NOT** *unknown* tongues). The purpose for this is found in *verse 20* which clearly states ...*and CONFIRMING the word (Word of God) with SIGNS following*. In other words, unbelieving JEWS would know that they were from God because of the SIGNS.

**IMPORTANT**  
Mark it down...not all people were given the gift of “speaking in tongues” (many “Christian” groups teach that **ALL** believers should demonstrate the so-called gift of “unknown tongues” as evidence of their salvation... Gal 1:6-9).

- **Matthew 10:1; Acts 14:3-4** - Jesus gave the same power to the apostles to **CONFIRM** to unbelieving Jews they were apostles of the Messiah of Israel.
- **1 Corinthians 12:28-30** - Jesus also gave the same power to “**SOME**” (*not all*) members of the church. Vs 29-30 imply “NO” to all the questions asked.

2. The biblical **PURPOSE** for the “*Gift of Tongues*”

a. **1 Corinthians 14:22; 1:22**

“*Tongues are for a SIGN*” ... **AND** “**JEWS** *require a SIGN*”.

**IMPORTANT**  
The Bible clearly teaches that **TONGUES** were for a **SIGN** to the **UNBELIEVING** Jews.

**NOTE** This is simple and easy to understand in light of what the Bible says! We are to judge all experiences with an infallible standard that is greater than any experience!

b. Scriptural examples of Jews that **REQUIRED** the FULFILLMENT of the O.T. prophecy of seeing a SIGN or WONDER.

These are some testimonies of Jews requiring a SIGN:

- *This beginning of MIRACLES did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him. John 2:11*

**NOTE** His disciples were all Jews!

- *Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the MIRACLES which he did. John 2:23*

**NOTE** Jews lived in Jerusalem; their Messiah did what He said!

- *The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these MIRACLES that thou doest, except God be with him. John 3:2*

**NOTE** Nicodemus was a Pharisee and ruler of the Jews!

### These are all Jews...

- *Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the **SECOND MIRACLE** that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee. **John 4:45-54***
- *But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same **WORKS** that I do, **BEAR WITNESS OF ME**, that the Father hath sent me. **John 5:36***
- *Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye **BELIEVED NOT**: the works that I do in my Father's name, **THEY BEAR WITNESS OF ME**. **John 10:25***
- *If I do not the works of my Father, **BELIEVE ME NOT**. But if I do, though ye believe not me, **BELIEVE THE WORKS**: that ye may know, and **BELIEVE**, that the Father is in me, and I in him. **John 10:37-38***
- *Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else **BELIEVE** me for the very works' sake. **John 14:11***
- *And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things **YE HAVE SEEN AND HEARD**; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. **Luke 7:19-22***
- ***Ye men of Israel**, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, **A MAN APPROVED OF GOD AMONG YOU BY MIRACLES AND WONDERS AND SIGNS**, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: **Acts 2:22***

**KEY** There are many more examples of Jesus proving Himself to the **Jews**.  
However, these examples are just ten.

### 3. Conclusion

- a. The JEWS were told to look for their Messiah.

**Acts 7:37**  
*This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.*

The Old Testament clearly says that they would be able to identify him when He came because He would be doing what God said that He would be doing...

... working **SIGNS** and **WONDERS** *like* **MOSES**.

THIS IS THE REASON WHY...

... Jesus was so amazed Nicodemus did not recognize Him (**Jn 3:10**).

\*\* Clearly, there was NO EXCUSE for Israel to not have recognized Him. \*\*

- b. TONGUES (not unknown tongues) were one of the SIGNS given to Jews (**Isaiah 28:11**) to help them identify that Christ, a prophet like unto Moses, had come (**Deut. 18:15-19**). Unfortunately, we know that “*He came unto His own, and His own received Him not*” (**John 1:11**).

#### IMPORTANT NOTE:

JEWS today **DO NOT** require the **PHYSICAL** manifestation of a SIGN or WONDER because there is a completed New Testament – ***the completed, word of God.***

They must simply read the New Testament and believe what it testifies about Jesus fulfilling the Old Testament by having preformed the SIGNS they require!

They MUST believe “***What the Bible says***” like everyone else (**Lk 16:29-31**).

- c. Consider the following statements made by Jesus Christ Himself:

- *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the **blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.** Rev. 2:9*
- *Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, **which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie**; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. Rev. 3:9*

**NOTE** Although this is a prophetic reference specifically concerning the Roman Catholic Church (*primarily because they believe that they have replaced Israel*), the words are chilling when you consider **ANY RELIGIOUS GROUP who would take things belonging only to Israel and incorporate them as their own.**