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MIRACLES AND WONDERS ARE SIGNS OF THE GREAT COMMISSION.

The Great Commission refers to a specific mission, a specific task that Jesus gave his disciples, but also to the quality and success of that mission. We, as Christians, are called to fulfill this mission faithfully and with God's help.

Our mission for the year is clear: evangelism. It is not just about talking about Christ, but revealing Christ in all his fullness.

John 1:1-18 teaches us a fundamental truth: the Word of God, Jesus Christ, is the light that enlightens humanity. The divine language is inaccessible to men in its entirety, and only Jesus, the incarnate Word, can reveal God to men.

Evangelism is therefore revealing Christ and not simply talking about him. For people to understand and receive Christ, he must be revealed to them. What is hidden in the mind of God cannot be grasped by human intelligence, but must be revealed by the Spirit. This is the characteristic of the sons of God: to reveal the Father. John 1:18 tells us: "No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has declared him." SON REVEALS THE FATHER

Our ability to win souls lies in our ability to reveal Christ.

## Revealing Christ in His Two Natures:

The four Gospels present Jesus Christ in symbolic images, often linked to the four heavenly creatures mentioned in the book of Revelation (Revelation 4:7): the lion, the calf (or cow), the man, and the eagle.

### Revelation 4:7 ESV

[7] the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight.

Here is how each gospel writer presents Jesus in this setting:

### Human Nature of Christ:

#### 1. Matthew - Christ as the King (Lion):

Matthew presents Jesus as the King of the Jews, the promised Messiah, descended from David.

He emphasizes Jesus' kingship, emphasizing his royal lineage and emphasizing his authority. The lion, a symbol of kingship, is an appropriate representation for a powerful king.

- For example, in Matthew 2:2, the Magi seek "the king of the Jews" when they arrive in Jerusalem, and in Matthew 21:5, Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king, fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy.

### Matthew 2:2 ESV

[2] saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 21:5 ESV

[5] “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

2. Mark - Christ as the Servant (Cow):

Mark presents Jesus as a servant, a man of action, doing the will of God without seeking to be known or glorified.

The calf or cow, often used for sacrifices in the Old Testament, symbolizes service and humility, qualities that are central to Mark’s presentation of Jesus.

- For example, in Mark 10:45, Jesus states, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

3. Luke - Christ as the Son of Man (Man):

Luke presents Jesus by emphasizing his humanity. He shows Jesus as a fully human man, sharing human suffering and experiences.

The term “Son of Man” is central to Luke, emphasizing this human dimension of Jesus.

- For example, in Luke 19:10, Jesus states, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke is also very interested in Jesus’ compassion and mercy, which reflects his humanity.

Jesus was a true man, full of compassion, kindness, justice, and charity. He lived among men, touched their hearts, and lived an exemplary life. Missionaries, through their lives, must also reveal this human nature of Jesus.

Divine Nature of Christ:

4. John - Christ as the Son of God (Eagle):

John presents Jesus as being divine, the Son of God, come to reveal the truth and bring light to the world.

The eagle, symbol of divinity and heavenly majesty, perfectly illustrates this vision of Jesus which often speaks of his divine origin and his unity with the Father.

- For example, in John 1:1-14, it is said: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” John insists on the divinity of Jesus throughout his gospel.

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In addition to his human nature, Jesus is also divine. He performed miracles, wonders, manifesting the power of God on earth. He was prophetic, full of power, and his actions were signs of the divine presence. Missionaries must also bear witness to this divine nature of Jesus.

We must reveal Christ in all his glory, in his human and divine natures, to give the pagans a taste for being Christians. The gospel is not rejected because it is bad, but often because those who carry it do not live it fully. It is not enough to speak of Christ, we must live Christ.

### Miracles and wonders as divine signs

When we speak of miracles we are referring to the favor of God.

Miracles and wonders are signs that testify to the power of God in our lives. A miracle is a supernatural act of God, a change in the natural order of things. A wonder, on the other hand, is an extraordinary event, often astonishing, which marks the presence and intervention of God at a given moment.

But it is important to understand that miracles do not always manifest themselves in easy circumstances. The miracle is often preceded by trials. The apostle Paul tells us about it in 2 Corinthians 12:12 where he explains that miracles are a manifestation of divine power in difficult

## **2 Corinthians 12:12 ESV**

**[12] The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.**

The word “miracle” is a celestial term, a word used to describe that which is indescribable, that which is beyond our human understanding, that which only God can do.

Some important elements for experiencing wonders and miracles:

1. Being in covenant with God – (Jude 6:25).

Our relationship with God, our covenant with Him, is essential to experiencing miracles.

## **Judges 6:25 ESV**

[25] That night the Lord said to him, “Take your father’s bull, and the second bull seven years old, and pull down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the Asherah that is beside it

2. Being submitted to God – (James 4:7-8).

Submission to God is the key to His power being manifested in our lives. If we humble ourselves before Him, He will act.

**James 4:7-8 ESV**

[7] Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

3. Being led by God and not by our problems – (Jude 6:12-15).

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It is easy to get overwhelmed by our difficulties, but we must remember that God is greater than our trials and is in control of all things.

4. Following God's instructions – God gives us specific instructions, and when we follow them, we open the door to His power.

5. Fleeing from sin – (Isaiah 59:2).

Sin creates a separation between us and God. To see God work in our lives, we must turn from sin and seek to live in His holiness.

**Isaiah 59:2 ESV**

**[2] but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.**