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Miracles defined.

"An event that involves the direct and powerful action of God, transcending the ordinary laws of nature and defying common expectations of behavior."
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I. THE SCENE

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Beggars in Palestine favored three locations:

the houses of the rich

main highways

the temple.

II. THE SIGN

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A. IT WAS UNEXPECTED

B. IT WAS DONE IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST

C. IT WAS INSTANTANEOUS

D. IT WAS COMPLETE

III. THE SEQUEL

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There were three results of the miraculous healing of the lame beggar.

There was joy to the beggar himself.

There was praise and worship toward God.

The miracle was a testimony to the people.

Thoughts on miracles from Dr. Wayne Grudem

I. Miracles defined.

A. Defined:

“A less common kind of God’s activity in which he arouse peoples awe and wonder and bears witness of himself” Wayne Grudem

II. What was the purpose of miracles?

A. To authenticate the message of the gospel.

This message of Jesus is true

John 3:2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

Acts 9:42 The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.

Remember....

Miracles did not guarantee conversion

[John 6:26](#) Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.

B. To help people

Matthew 20:30 Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

C. To point people to God

John 9:3 "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "This happened so the power of God could be seen in him.

D. To validate the messengers

A badge....

[Acts 2:43](#) A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders.; [5:12](#) The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade.

III. Is anything that is "out of the ordinary" a miracle?

A. Providence defined.

"God preserving his creation, operation in every event in the world, and directing the things in the universe to his appointed end for them" John MacArthur

IV. Should we ask for miracles today?

Yes

Healing

James 5:14 Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

Salvation

God's Glory

No

Selfish power grabs..

Acts 8:21-22 you can have no part in this, for your heart is not right with God. ²² Repent of your wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive your evil thoughts,