

Signs of the Times

MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS


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- **Miracle** – an act displaying great power, especially divine power.
- **Sign** – Something that points to or represents something larger or more important than itself.
- **Wonder** – an event that causes people to be amazed and astonished.
- Often “**signs and wonders**” is used as a stock expression to refer to miracles.

**INDICATE GOD'S
POWER IS AT WORK!**



AUTHENTICATE THE MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL

- When miracles occur, they give evidence that God is truly at work and so serve to spread the gospel.
- “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
- “Come see a man who told me all that I ever did.”
John 4:29

BEAR WITNESS GOD'S

KINGDOM IS COME


- Jesus said, "If it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons then the kingdom of God has come upon you." Matthew 12:28
- Jesus gave the disciples "power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preached the kingdom of God and to heal." Luke 9:1-2
- In this way every miracle of healing or deliverance from the kingdom and helped fulfill Jesus' ministry, because he came with the Spirit of the Lord on him "to preach good news to the poor...to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed." Luke 4:18



PROVIDE HELP TO THOSE IN NEED

- The two blind men near Jericho cried out, “Have mercy on us,” and Jesus “in pity,” healed them. Matthew 20:30, 34
- When Jesus saw a great crowd of people, “he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Mark 14:14 & Luke 7:13
- These miracles provide evidence of Jesus Christ’s compassion to those in need.





REMOVE HINDRANCES FROM PEOPLE'S MINISTRY

- As soon as Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, "she rose and served him." Matthew 8:15
- Tabitha resumed her "good works and acts of charity" (Acts 9:36) after the Lord through Peter raised her from the dead. Acts 9:40-41
- Paul expected people to be enlightened when miraculous gifts were used in the church 1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:4, 12



- After Jesus healed a paralytic, the crowds “were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.” Matthew 9:8
- In John 9:3, Jesus said the man who had been born blind from birth was blind “that the works of God might be made manifest in him.

DO MIRACLES STILL OCCUR TODAY?