

Signs and Wonders: The Messiah's Marvels...

God's extraordinary interventions in human history and in our lives are not random acts, but purposeful declarations of His power, love, and desire for our hearts. Through signs and wonders, God reveals Himself, validates His truth, and calls us to a deeper relationship with Him.

48 So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

John 4:48

The Bible records many signs and wonders. It provides eyewitness accounts of their historical occurrences and the purposes for which God did them. They are never arbitrary acts but are always purposeful, revealing His character and fulfilling His divine will.

This week we zero in on the miracles of Jesus, recognizing them as the pinnacle of divine intervention. His miracles demonstrated His place in the Trinity, His authority, and His fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies.

Authority Over Nature

39 And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40 He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" 41 And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:39-41)

What's the point: When life's storms rage around us, do we truly believe that Jesus, who calmed the seas, can bring peace to our troubled hearts and circumstances?

Authority Over Sickness & Disease

12 While he was in one of the cities, there came a man full of leprosy. And when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face and begged him, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." 13 And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And immediately the leprosy left him. (Luke 5:12-13)

What's the point: We live in a world marked by sickness and suffering. Do we bring our physical and spiritual infirmities to the Great Physician, trusting in His power to heal and restore?

Authority Over Demonic Powers

18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. 19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. (Mark 5:18-20)

33 And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 “Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” 35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. 36 And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” (Luke 4:33-36)

What’s the point: While spiritual warfare is often unseen, we are reminded that Jesus has already won the victory. Are we living in the freedom He offers, resisting the enemy, and standing firm in His power?

Authority Over Death

43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” 44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.” (John 11:43-44)

6 He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” (Matthew 28:6-7)

What’s the point: The resurrection of Jesus is the ultimate sign and wonder. It offers us hope in the face of death, assurance of eternal life, and the power to live new lives in Christ. Is this truth the cornerstone of our faith and the source of our deepest hope?

Authority Over Sin

8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, “Why do you question these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— 11 “I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.” 12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!” (Matthew 8:16-17)

2 And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven.” (Matthew 9:2)

47 Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

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God demonstrates His love in this, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – When life's storms rage around us, do we truly believe that Jesus, who calmed the seas, can bring peace to our troubled hearts and circumstances?

Tuesday – We live in a world marked by sickness and suffering. Do we bring our physical and spiritual infirmities to the Great Physician, trusting in His power to heal and restore?

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