

He Did Miracles

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Once a man was asked, *"Do you believe on the Son of God?"* He replied, *"Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him?"* Perhaps you, too, are wondering just who Jesus is... or was. Why is he so important? What difference does it make?

Almost 2,000 years ago, Jesus' disciples stood before a multitude in order to answer these very questions. They began by pointing out that Jesus was *"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). Notice that Jesus was said to be "approved of God" because of the miraculous works he did, and, that the audience had witnessed these deeds themselves.

If someone were from heaven, sent directly from God to communicate with men, what other or better way to present his credentials than by numerous, indisputable, supernatural acts? Who else but God could give such power? Even frauds and charlatans have recognized this fact and have often claimed to do similar things in order to accomplish their ends.

But what others pretended or only claimed to do, Jesus ACTUALLY did! This is a fact of historical record (the Gospel records).

In his own day all admitted the reality of his supernatural deeds. One government official, well educated, and with the resources of his government at his disposal, said to Jesus, *"No man can do these things that thou doest except God be with him"* (John 3:2). The multitudes who beheld his works, marveled, saying, *"It was never so seen in Israel"* (Matthew 9:33). His enemies even admitted, *"This man doeth many miracles"* (John 11 :47). So well-known were these miraculous deeds of his that the Apostle Paul told King Agrippa almost 30 years after the events: *"For I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner"* (Acts 26:26).

The character of these miraculous deeds helps establish Jesus as truly being of God.

(1) He was NOT LIMITED in any Way. He could walk on water, stop storms, calm raging seas. He healed the blind, lame, deaf, diseased, paralyzed, insane, and all others who came to him. On numerous occasions he brought back to life those who had died, and even been entombed!

(2) His results were IMMEDIATE and COMPLETE. There was no lack of power on his part; he never turned down a case as being too hard; none ever went away unhealed, or only partly healed.

(3) Almost all his works were done in PUBLIC and the recipients open to public EXAMINATION.

(4) His deeds were done as needed, usually impromptu, and were NOT STAGED, PLANNED, or ADVERTISED. He could do anything at any time or place! He needed no stage props, "actors," or optical illusions.

(5) In all, over ten thousand people were eyewitnesses to his works, yet none went away claiming they saw nothing, or even indicated they had any doubts about what they

saw. How much stronger evidence could possibly be presented?

Further, there is evidence God was well pleased with Jesus. On two occasions, before witnesses, a voice out of heaven declared, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased!*" (Matthew 3:17; 17:5). These supernatural events help establish the source of Jesus' power as well as his teaching – the same voice out of heaven said, "*Hear ye him!*" (Matthew 17:5). His teachings are found in the NEW TESTAMENT. You may begin with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and then continue with the rest of the New Testament.

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