

GOD'S MIRACLE WORKERS **(Mark 16:17-20)**

All through the Bible we can read about God's servants performing miracles. They did things that clearly superseded the laws of nature, things that were contrary to the laws of nature. What was the purpose of the miracles? Why don't we see these same types of things being done today?

These are the very questions that we want to answer in our lesson tonight. Understanding what the Bible says the purpose of miracles is critical to being able to trust in the inspiration of the Bible.

Tonight, as we continue our series entitled "We Believe the Bible," we want to look at some of God's miracle workers; why they were able to perform miracles; and why what they did CANNOT be done today.

I. _____ was a miracle worker.

- A. He performed MANY miracles in His ministry.
 - 1. He healed all manner of sickness (Matthew 9:35).
 - 2. He multiplied _____ (Mark 6:33-44; 8:1-10).
 - 3. He walked on _____ (Matthew 14:25ff).
 - 4. He raised the dead (Mark 5:35-43; Luke 7:11-17; John 11:1-46).
 - 5. He cast out the workers of _____ (Matthew 8:16).
 - 6. Jesus performed so many miracles that many are not recorded in the Bible (John 21:25).
- B. The miracles were not done in secret.
 - 1. Peter said the miracles were done before many witnesses (Acts 2:22).
 - 2. Jesus turned water into _____ before many people at a marriage feast (John 2:1-11).
 - 3. Jesus healed a paralyzed man before a crowd so large that the sick man had to be brought through the _____ (Mark 2:1-12).
 - 4. Jesus fed _____ men. Here is an example of people eating the results of His miracle (Mark 6:33-44).
- C. Even the enemies _____ them (Matthew 12:22-24).
- D. The miracles confirmed His _____ (John 3:2; 20:30-31; 10:37-38; Mark 2:5-12).

II. The _____ and other _____ worked miracles.

- A. The apostles received "special revelation" from the _____ (John 14:25-26; 16:12-15).
- B. The apostles worked miracles to _____ that their message came from God (Mark 16:15-20; Hebrews 2:1-4; Acts 2:1-12; 1 Corinthians 2:4; Acts 8:6).

III. Lessons to take home:

- A. The miracles had a _____ purpose. They confirmed that a person was speaking a message from heaven (1 John 4:1).
- B. We have God's complete will in the _____ (John 16:13; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- C. There are no miracles being worked today! (See 1 Corinthians 13:8-10).
- D. We need to _____ and _____ God's word!

IV. Have you obeyed this confirmed message from God (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)?