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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

AN INTRODUCTION TO HIS MIRACLES

- **A LISTING OF HIS MIRACLES**

A. General, Crowd-Related Miracles. Nine:

1. *"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."* (Mt. 4:23-24)
2. *"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick."* (Mt. 8:16)
3. *"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."* (Mt. 9:35)
4. *"But when Jesus knew it, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all."* (Mt. 12:15)
5. *"And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick."* (Mt. 14:14)
6. *"And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased."* (Mt. 14:35)
7. *"And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel."* (Mt. 15:30-31)
8. *"And great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there."* (Mt. 19:2)
9. *"And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them."* (Mt. 21:14)

B. Specific, Individual-Related Miracles: 35

1. Turning water into wine
2. Healing a nobleman's son at Cana
3. Healing a lame man at the pool of Bethesda
4. First miraculous catch of fish
5. Delivering a synagogue demoniac

6. Healing Peter's mother-in-law
7. Cleansing a leper
8. Healing a paralytic
9. Healing a man with a shriveled hand
10. Healing a centurion's servant
11. Raising a widow's son
12. Healing a blind and mute demoniac
13. Stilling a storm
14. Delivering the Gadarene demoniac
15. Healing a woman with an issue of blood
16. Raising Jairus' daughter
17. Healing two blind men
18. Delivering a mute demon
19. Feeding the 5,000
20. Walking on the water
21. Delivering a Syrophenician's daughter
22. Healing a deaf mute in Decapolis
23. Feeding 4,000
24. Healing a blind man at Bethsaida
25. Delivering a demon-possessed boy
26. Finding the tax money
27. Healing a man born blind
28. Healing a crippled woman on the Sabbath
29. Healing a man with dropsy
30. Raising of Lazarus
31. Cleansing ten lepers
32. Healing blind Bartimaeus
33. Cursing the fig tree
34. Restoring Malchus' ear
35. Second miraculous catch of fish

- **The seven-fold classification of His miracles**

- A. Healing: Sixteen miracles

1. Lepers (see miracles 7, 31)
2. The blind (17, 24, 27, 32)
3. The deaf (22)
4. The deformed (9)
5. The crippled (3)
6. The fever-ridden (2, 6)
7. The maimed (34)
8. The paralyzed (8, 10)
9. Continuous bleeding (15)
10. Dropsy (29)

- B. Casting out of demons: Seven miracles

1. Man in a synagogue (see miracle 5)
2. A blind and mute demoniac (12)
3. The Gadarene demoniac (14)
4. A mute demoniac (18)
5. Daughter of a Syrophenician mother (21)
6. A boy at the base of Mt. Hermon (25)
7. Woman in a synagogue (28)

- C. Financing: One miracle

1. Fish with a coin in its mouth (see miracle 26)

- D. Feeding: Five miracles

1. Turning water into wine (see miracle 1)
2. First catch of fish (4)
3. Feeding of the 5,000 (19)
4. Feeding of the 4,000 (23)
5. Second catch of fish (35)

- E. Protecting: Two miracles

1. Stilling a storm (see miracle 13)
2. Walking on water (20)

F. Resurrecting: Three miracles

1. Raising a widow's son (see miracle 11)
2. Raising Jairus' daughter (16)
3. Raising of Lazarus (30)

G. Judging: One miracle

1. Cursing a fig tree (see miracle 33)

• **The eight-fold purpose for His miracles**

A. To fulfill O.T. prophecy

"When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses." (Mt. 8:16-17)

"But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?" (Jn. 12:37-38)

B. To validate His message

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him." (Jn. 3:1-2)

"And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased." (Jn. 6:2)

C. To reveal His glory

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana, of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory..." (Jn. 2:11a)

D. To increase the faith of His disciples

". . . and his disciples believed on him." (Jn. 2:11b)

"When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do." (Jn. 6:5-6)

E. To declare His Messianic claims

"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." (Jn. 6:14)

F. To prove His deity

"And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God." (Mt. 14:32-33)

G. To demonstrate His compassion

1. Upon the hungry multitudes (Mt. 9:36; 14:14; 15:32)
2. Upon the blind (Mt. 20:34)
3. Upon the lepers (Mk. 1:40-41)
4. Upon the demon-possessed (Mk. 5:18-19)
5. Upon the grief stricken (Lk. 7:12-13)

H. To show His authority to forgive sin

"And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." (Lk. 5:20-24)

• **The location of His miracles**

- A. At a wedding (see miracle 1)
- B. At a funeral (11)
- C. In graveyards (14, 30)
- D. In synagogues (5, 9, 28)
- E. In homes (6, 8, 16, 29)
- F. By a pool (3, 27)
- G. Beside a tree (33)
- H. In a garden (34)
- I. In a crowd (15)
- J. Outside a village (24, 31, 32)
- K. On a grassy slope (19, 23)
- L. At the base of a mountain (25)
- M. On the seashore (4, 35)
- N. On the sea (13, 20)
- O. Under the sea (26)