



Should we believe in miracles?

The Main Questions

Are the miracles of the Bible real?

Can we take them literally?

What are miracles?

What are the purposes of miracles?

Is God still in the miracle making business today?

Does God want to work miracles through me?

What about counterfeit miracles?

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Understand where most people are at on Miracles

- nearly two out of five US adults (38 percent) said they have had such an experience — which by extrapolation means that an eye-popping 94,792,000 Americans are convinced that God has performed at least one miracle for them personally

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- Yes—GOD IS SUPERNATURAL
- Yes—DEFINITION OF A BIBLICAL MIRACLE IS REASONABLE AND CONGRUENT WITH THE NATURE OF GOD
 - The Creator is adding more power into His creation to move it into the direction He intends for it to go.

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- Yes – CREATION IS A MIRACLE
- Yes—THE PURPOSE OF MIRACLES
 - HIS MIGHTY DEEDS
 - CREATION
 - SALVATION
 - SIGNS
 - JOHN'S GOSPEL – THIS WAS THE FIRST SIGN, THIS WAS THE SECOND SIGN (7 SIGNS – BUT IF WE WERE TO COUNT THEM ALL IT WILL FILL THE HEAVENS)
 - THIS MIGHTY DEED POINTS (SIGNIFIES) WHO JESUS REALLY IS – E.G., THE LAME WALK, THE BLIND SEE, THE DEAD ARE RAISED, THIS IS WHAT JESUS WILL DO FOR YOU SPIRITUALLY AND ULTIMATELY COMPLETELY!

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- Yes—The Purpose of Miracles (continued)
 - To confirm that a messenger/message is from God
 - To Display God's Power
 - To Produce Faith in Unbeliever
 - To Strengthen the Faith of Believers

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- Yes—Miracles of Jesus
- 4 Categories of miracles
 - Faith Healings
 - Exorcisms
 - Resurrection (Resuscitation)
 - Control of Nature

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Examples of the Miracles of Jesus

- He healed a paralyzed man (Matt. 9:1-8)
- Water to Wine
- Jesus Healed Many People
- Healing the royal official's son (John 4:46-54)
- A girl possessed by a demon (Mark 7:24-30)
- Healing the Capernaum demoniac (Mark 1:21-28)

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Examples of the Miracles of Jesus

- Healing a man born blind (John 9:1-41)
- Healing a severed ear (Luke 22:45-54)
- Healing 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
- Peter's mother-in-law was healed (Matt. 8:14-15)

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Examples of the Miracles of Jesus

- Jesus healed a leper (Mark 8:1-4)
- Jesus healed a demon-possessed boy (Luke 9:37-43)
- A mute demon-possessed man was healed by Jesus (Matt. 9:32-33)
- Healing a woman who suffered with bleeding (Luke 8:43-48)
- Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-44)

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- Yes—THE ULTIMATE MIRACLE

- INCARNATION
- CRUCIFIXION
- RESURRECTION

REALITY OF THE FUTURE BREAKING INTO THE PRESENT SO WE
WOULD ALL HAVE THE SIGN TO KNOW JESUS IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS

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- Yes—DIVINE PROVIDENCE
- Yes—ANSWERED PRAYER

Should we believe in miracles?

- Yes—God is Supernatural
- Yes—Definition of Miracles (Signs and Wonders)
- Yes—Creation itself is a miracle
- Yes—The purpose of miracles
- Yes—Miracles of Jesus
- Yes—The ultimate Miracles
- Yes—Providence
- Yes—Answered Prayer

Should We Believe In Miracles?

Yes—God is still in the business of miracles today

- Why don't we see Miracles like the Apostles did?

Yes—God wants to work miracles through me!

- The Power of Prayer

Yes—But Beware Counterfeits