

MESSIANIC MILESTONES
THE MIRACLES OF THE MESSIAH

I. WHAT MIRACLES DID HE PERFORM?

A. John 9:1-11, 30-33

He gave sight to the blind. The man who received sight from Jesus was born in his condition (2, 32) and was recognizable in his community (8-9). That would be a difficult wonder to falsify!

B. John 2:1-11

He turned water to wine. The water that Jesus turned to wine was tasted by the Master of Ceremonies (9), who was unaware of the behind-the-scenes miracle (9). He declared it the highest quality beverage at the occasion (10). Anyone can drop food coloring into water, but the proof is in the tasting.

C. Mark 6:35-44

He transformed one person's little meal into a feast for thousands. No photography tricks misled anyone into thinking more people were present when Jesus multiplied 5 loaves and 2 fish to feed 5,000 men, plus women and children (Matthew 14:21). We know this because they were seated in ranks (Mark 6:39-40). Who could fool that many people into thinking their bellies were full? Just as amazingly, Jesus worked the same sign for a crowd of 4,000 on another occasion (Matthew 16:9-10)!

D. Matthew 8:23-27

He rebuked the sea and it obeyed it. When Jesus calmed the storm, there was nothing gradual about it, giving rise to doubt. Rather, it was an extremely sudden event; at His word, a tempest so severe as to cover the boat with the waves (24) was turned into a "great calm" (26).

E. Matthew 14:22-33

He walked on water. That Jesus walked on water cannot be dismissed for what transpired did so “*in the middle of the sea*” (24), not by the shore, and the water was deep enough for Peter to “*sink*” (30).

F. John 11:38-44

He raised the dead. It would be difficult to duplicate the stench of a man four days dead (39). Therefore, we know this miracle is legit.

II. WHO EMPOWERED HIS MIRACLES?

A. Luke 11:14-20

It certainly wasn't the devil because that just wouldn't make any sense at all!

B. Acts 10:38; John 10:38

God empowered Him through the Holy Spirit to do His marvelous works.

III. WHEN DID HE PERFORM MIRACLES?

A. John 2:1-11

Turning water to wine was His first miracle. He never personally performed any signs prior to this.

B. John 20:19, 26; 21:1-6; Luke 24:31

Death didn't stop Him from working wonders. Following His resurrection, which was the most amazing of all His miracles, Jesus continued working miracles. At least twice, He appeared in locked rooms. Once, He disappeared. And another time, He made an abundance of fish.

C. Luke 4:9-12

He refused to perform signs when the Devil requested them.

D. Mark 15:29-32

He refused to work any wonders that would spare Him from the cross, and even worked one that healed one of His opponents (Luke 22:47-51).

IV. HOW DID HE PERFORM MIRACLES?

A. John 11:41-44; Matthew 8:5-13

Sometimes, a word was all it took.

B. Matthew 8:2-3, 14-15

Sometimes, a mere touch was enough.

C. Mark 5:25-34; 6:56

Sometimes, those in need only had to touch His clothes!

D. Mark 7:32-35; 8:22-25

Sometimes, a multi-step process was involved. Clearly, it wasn't in the words spoken, the skill of the hands, the spit, or any such thing, but in Jesus.

V. WHY DID HE PERFORM MIRACLES?

A. Mark 2:1-12

He did these miracles to prove His power to forgive sin.

B. Acts 2:22

He worked these wonders so God could verify His authenticity.

C. John 20:30-31

He performed signs that we may gain faith in Him.