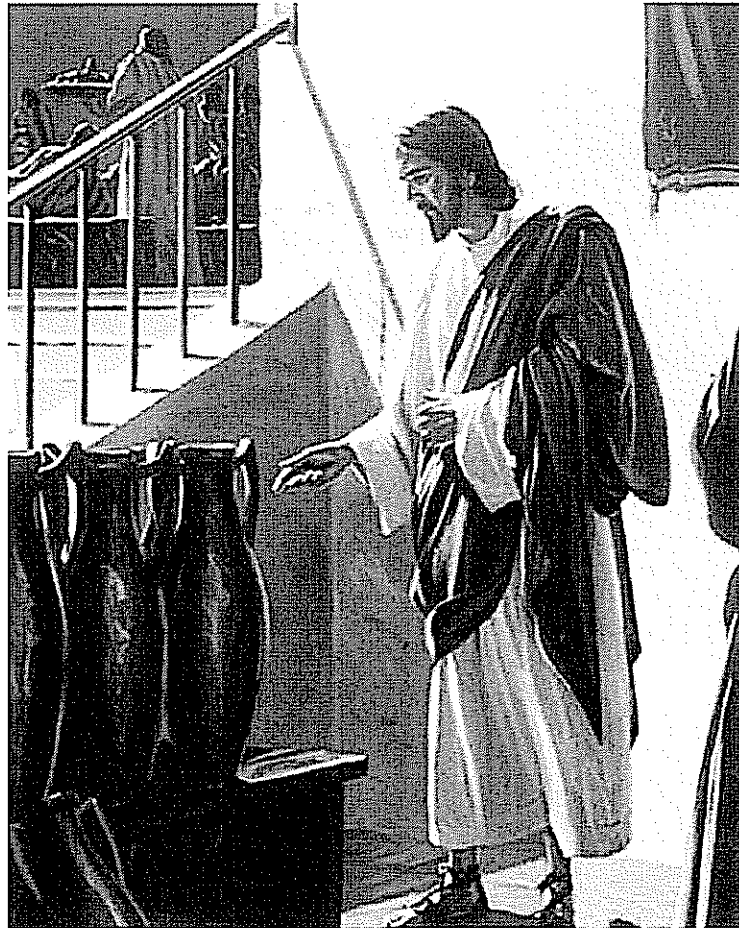


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Miracles

- Miracles were seen as visible examples of God's control over the world.
- Miracles provoked awe, reverence, fear. Miracles were signs of God's victory over evil.
- Miracles were signs of the presence and power of the Kingdom of God.
- Jesus' miracles reveal the power of God.



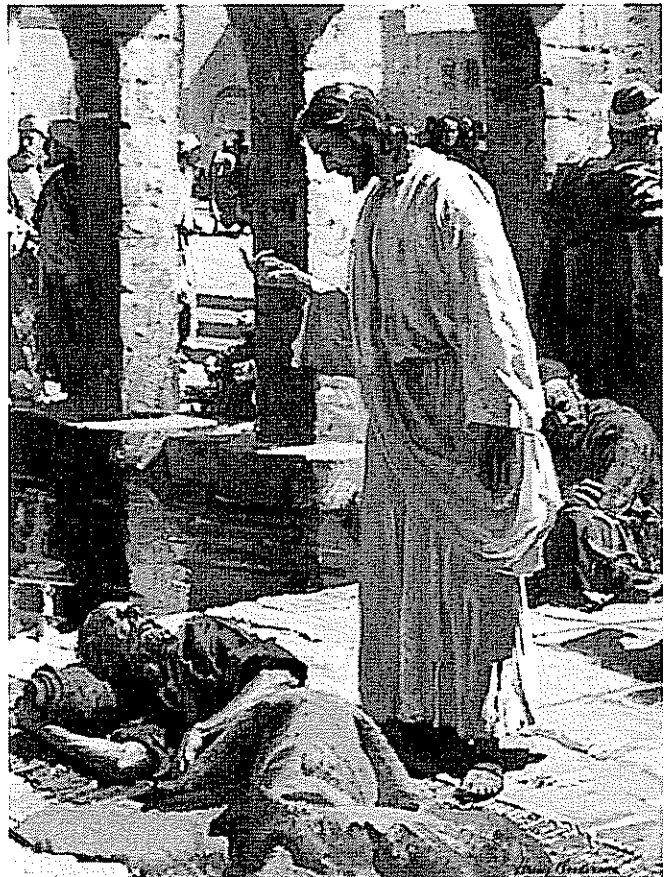
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Miracles of Healing

- Those who were ill were often pushed to the edge of society = outcasts.
- Sickness often was seen as a consequence of personal sin (or inherited sin).
- Jesus heals with compassion, love, and mercy.

- Examples of Jesus' healings:

- Fever
- Leprosy
- Chronic Bleeding
- Withered hands
- Dropsy
- Deafness
- Blindness
- Paralysis



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Miracles of Exorcism

- Jesus liberates those who are victims of evil spirits.
- People believed that evil finds its way into everyday living: humans are helpless in the face of evil
- Jesus himself struggled with Satan (temptation in the desert)
- God's victory will be complete when all evil is removed from creation.
- Jesus' exorcisms – his power over Satan – is a sign of God's saving power.
- They are central to his proclamation of the Kingdom of God.



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Miracles of Nature

- Jesus shows mastery over the forces of creation.
- Jesus calms the storm.
- Jesus walks on the water.
- Jesus feeds 5000 people with 5 loaves and 2 fish.
- Jesus changes water into wine.
- Jesus brings back people from the dead: Lazarus, Jairus' daughter, the son of the widow of Naim.
- Jesus addresses the presence of evil with the power of God which overcomes such evil.
- Jesus shows the power over nature that God shows in the Old Testament.



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Nature Miracles	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
1. <u>Stilling the Storm</u>	8:23	4:35	8:22	
2. <u>Feeding the 5000</u>	14:13	6:30	9:10	6:1
3. <u>Walking on the Water</u>	14:25	6:48		6:19
4. <u>Feeding the 4000</u>	15:32	8:1		
5. <u>Temple Tax in the Fish's Mouth</u>	17:24			
6. <u>Withering the Fig Tree</u>	21:18	11:12		
7. <u>Draught of Fish</u>			5:1	
8. <u>Turning Water into Wine</u>				2:1
9. <u>Second Draught of Fish</u>				21:1
Healing Miracles	Matt	Mark	Luke	John
1. <u>Cleansing of a Leper</u>	8:2	1:40	5:12	
2. <u>Healing a Centurion's Servant</u>	8:5		7:1	
3. <u>Healing Peter's Mother-in-law</u>	8:14	1:30	4:38	
4. <u>Healing the Sick at evening</u>	8:16	1:32	4:40	
5. <u>Healing a paralytic</u>	9:2	2:3	5:18	
6. <u>Healing the Hemorrhaging woman</u>	9:20	5:25	8:43	
7. <u>Healing Two Blind Men</u>	9:27			
8. <u>Healing a Man's Withered Hand</u>	12:9	3:1	6:6	
9. <u>Healing the Gentile Woman's Daughter</u>	15:21	7:24		
10. <u>Healing the Epileptic Boy</u>	17:14	9:17	9:38	
11. <u>Healing a Blind Men</u>	20:30	10:46	18:35	
12. <u>Healing a Deaf Mute</u>		7:31		
13. <u>Healing a Blind Man at Bethsaida</u>		8:22		
14. <u>Healing the Infirm, Bent Woman</u>			13:11	
15. <u>Healing the Man with Dropsy</u>			14:1	
16. <u>Cleansing the Ten Lepers</u>			17:11	
17. <u>Restoring a Servant's Ear</u>			22:51	
18. <u>Healing the Nobleman's Son (of fever)</u>				4:46
19. <u>Healing an Infirm Man at Bethesda</u>				5:1
20. <u>Healing the Man born blind</u>				9:1
Raising from the Dead				
1. <u>Raising the Ruler's Daughter</u>	9:18,23	5:22,35	8:40,49	
2. <u>Raising of a Widow's Son at Nain</u>			7:11	
3. <u>Raising of Lazarus</u>				11:43
Casting out Demons				
1. <u>Demons entering a herd of swine</u>	8:28	5:1	8:26	
2. <u>Curing a Demon-possessed Mute</u>	9:32			
3. <u>Casting Out an Unclean Spirit</u>		1:23	4:33	
4. <u>Curing a Demon-possessed, Blind and Mute man</u>	12:22		11:14	

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Miracles and Faith

- Jesus is not a “miracle worker” or magician. He performs miracles to show the power of God.
- Jesus was often reluctant to perform miracles. Rather, people come to him.
- Jesus makes a constant link between miracles and faith. Jesus demands total trust and faith – acknowledgment of God’s power.
- Lack of faith sometimes stood in the way of Jesus performing miracles.
- Jesus wanted people to believe in *him*, not just in signs.
- Faith leads to transformed lives.

