

The Jesus Trip

A *365* DAY JOURNEY OF FINDING HIM FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION



“It is abnormal for a Christian not to have an appetite for the impossible. It has been written into our spiritual DNA to hunger for the impossibilities around us to bow at the name of Jesus.” — **Bill Johnson**



“Christ was a **miracle**. Every Christian is a **miracle**. Every answer to prayer is a **miracle**. Every divine illumination is a **miracle**. The power of Christianity in the world is a **miraculous** power. God help us to realise that ours is a High and Holy Calling.”

— John G. Lake



In the incarnation heaven and earth become one in Christ and the supernatural is woven into the very fabric of our natural existence.



Of the 1,257 narrative verses in the Gospels 484 (38.5 percent) are devoted to describing healing miracles.

Signs and wonders do not belong to the margins of Christianity.

Miracles are tied to evangelism in the Bible no less than 17 times.

The gospel of His grace must be accompanied by miracles.

The miraculous is essential if seeing people set free is your goal.



Matthew 8:17

“This was to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.””

His miracles show us that God is not afflicting us, he is miraculously healing us.



Matthew 9:5 (NRSV)

For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'?

Sin is not a hinderance to the supernatural!



Luke 5:12-13

“...Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean.” Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I do choose. Be made clean.” Immediately the leprosy left him.”

Jesus revealed a God who already chosen in Jesus to act supernaturally on your behalf.



The natural order of things was to be subject to the will and need of the people of God - not the other way around. Every time this order was challenged and natural circumstances challenged the well being or even convenience and pleasure of God's people, Jesus demonstrated the miraculous power of God to again through man subjugate those same conditions back under the hand of humanity - to serve humanity not bind them. So in the face of lack - he multiplied the fish and the loaves. In the face of danger at sea he calms the storms.

Miracles were a big deal... and they still are!

John 14:12

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.”

“While the miracles served as signs, they were not performed in order to be signs. They were as much a part and parcel of Jesus’ ministry as was His preaching ... not seals affixed to the document to certify its genuineness but an integral element in the very text of the document.”

F. F. Bruce

Elephant in the room...

What about when they don't happen?
Jesus encountered this situation...

Mark 6:5-6 *“And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.”*



Mark 6:6-7 ***"Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits."***

There is never any condemnation for the lack of manifestation, but an ever present invitation to believe for more.



Matthew 14:28

“...Lord if it’s really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.”

Matthew 14:32

“You have so little faith,” Jesus said.

“Why did you doubt me?” When they climbed back in the boat, the wind stopped. Then the disciples worshipped him. “You really are the Son of God” they exclaimed.”



The How to Guide to Miracles

Acts 1:8 (NRSV)

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”



Matthew 10:8 "...FREELY YOU RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE"

Freely received what? Freely received power and freely given authority. No tricks, no gimmicks, no dualistic religious aesthetics to pull them off... just freely given power and freely given authority.

Galatians 5:5

“Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard?”

John 6:29-30

*“They replied we want to perform God’s works too. What should we do? Jesus told them, This is the only work God wants from you: **Believe in the one he sent.**”*

Working Of Miracles – Spiritual Gift - a faith contradiction?

It is God who empowers – it is the believer who acts.

'Workings of Miracles' means this is more than 'prayer for a miracle'. *The believer must act 'in the name of Jesus'.*



Summary:

We can't represent Jesus, who fully represents the Father without miracles.

The power and authority to do so is freely given to us, must be freely received by us, and freely given away through us again. (GRACE / FAITH)

“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God.”

John 11:40



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