

Do you believe in miracles? I do. Our whole faith is based on the reality of the miraculous. The question is not do I believe in miracles, God is able to do anything he wants to do, any time he wants to do it; the question we struggle with is this; is God going to do a miracle for me! In this message we will see how God takes ordinary things and does an extraordinary work!

# A crash course in signs, wonders and miracles

A miracle is an extraordinary event demonstrating divine intervention.

The problem with miracles is that God does not always give them out!

There is a way of believing in miracles that is fraudulent and cruel.

Some gifts were primarily for the "age of the Apostles."

There are approximately 160 miracles recorded over 4000 years.

## Most of the miracles in the Bible happened in Clusters

Moses - the deliverance of the nation of Israel from Egypt. 38 miracles. Elijah and Elisha - warning of the coming captivity! 21 miracles. Jesus - changing the focus from Israel to the Church. 51 miracles,. The Tribulation - when God redeems Israel over 21 miracles.

## **Extraordinary Miracles and Providential Miracles 2 Cor 12:12**

	Extraordinary Miracles	Providential Miracles
Method	Command In Jesus Name	Prayer in Jesus Name
Timing	Immediate	unspecified
Result	Fulfilled on the Spot	Yes/No - According to His Will
Purpo/e	To Authenticate	To Give God Glory

These miracles indicated Great transitional movements in biblical history!

### MIRACLES HAPPEN ON ORDINARY DAYS 1-8

The Jews had three hours of prayer. At 9 AM, Noon and 3 PM

The early believers went daily to the Temple to worship - Acts 2:46

Jesus and the Apostles taught at Solomon's Colonnade. Jn 10:23; Acts 5:12

This beggar had been paralyzed for 40 years

Mt 21:14 "the lame came to Him in the temple and He healed them."

By some bad fortune he hadn't been healed with the other lame men

Peter and John couldn't meet this man's financial need

You may not have a miracle, but that's no reason to walk away from need

#### MIRACLES PRODUCE EXTRAORDINARY WONDER 9-11

The leaping lame man created quite the stir and attracted a crowd

The best kind of publicity for Christianity is genuine life transformation

When Peter saw all these people he preached a Gospel message

5000 men believed. That's a miracle!

#### MIRACLES ARE AN OPPORTUNITY WAITING TO HAPPEN

God doesn't perform miracles just so that you can get well
God performs miracles for his own Glory

A miracle provides a forum for us to witness to God's power

Sometimes God works miracles, but often God makes us a miracle. Sometimes he may heal us for his glory, but often he will not heal us so that we may give him glory no matter what our circumstances and that is a miracle too! Whatever happens, whatever your lot in life, we must remember that your life was meant to be lived as a miracle of God's grace.