**Miracles**

*Luke 13*

What is a Miracle?

**A miracle is** **when God, breaks His usual pattern and does something extraordinary**

Are all miracles of God?

**Not everything that is miraculous is from God. Jesus’s miracles were intended to lead men and women to Him, Satan wants his miracles to lead multitudes to worship him.**

What Is The Purpose Of God’s Miracles?

**Miracles help someone in need. But the meaning is always deeper: God gets our attention so that we are invited to look beyond the event to a Miracle Worker. The primary purpose of the miracles was to authenticate the message of Christ and the apostles.**

Jesus lived thirty years, before he exercised his power to perform a miracle.

The order of the miracles as they are given here is the actual historical order – as best that we can tell (indications of time and place are often not precisely given – in which these miracles occurred, although they may be sequenced differently in the different Gospel accounts.

1. Jesus Turns Water Into Wine (Jn 2: 1- 11)

2. Jesus Heals The Noble Man’s Son (John 4:46-54)

3. Jesus Provides A Great Catch Of Fish (Lk 5:1-11)

4. Jesus Heals A Demonic In A Synagogue (Mark 1:21-28, Luke

4:31-37)

5. Jesus Heals His Peter’s Mother-In-Law (Mt 8:14-15, Mark

1:29-31, Luke 4:38-39)

6. Jesus Cleanses A Leper (Mark 1:40-45, Luke 5:12-15)

7. Jesus Heals A Paralytic (Mt 9:2-7, Mark 2:3-12, Lk. 5:18-26)

8. Jesus Heals A Cripple At Bethesada (John 5: 1-18)

9. Jesus Heals A Withered Hand (Mt 12:9-12, Mark 3:1-6, Luke

5:6-10,)

10. Jesus Heals A Centurion’s Servant (Mt 8:5-13, Luke 7:1-10)

11. Jesus Raises A Widow’s Son (Luke 7:11-17)

12. Jesus Stills A Storm (Mt 8:23-27, Mk 4:35-41, Lk 8:22-25)

13. Jesus Delivers A Demonic In Gedara (Mt 8:28-34, Mk 5:1-20,

Luke 8:27-39)

14. Jesus A Woman Of A Hemorrhage (Mt 9: 20-22, Mk 5:25-34,

Luke 8:43-48)

15. Jesus Raises Jairus’s Daughter (Mt 9:18-26, Mk 5:22-43,

Luke 8:41-56)

16. Jesus Heals Two Blind Men (Matt. 9:27-31)

17. Jesus Cast Out A Mute Spirit (Matt. 9:32-25)

18. Jesus Feeds The 5,000 (Mt 14:13-21, Mark 6:30-44, Luke

9:10-17, John 6:1-14)

19. Jesus Walks On Water (Matt. 14:22-33, Mark 6:45-52,

John 6: 15-21)

20. Jesus Heals A Syro-Phoneician Girl(Mt 15:21-28, Mk 7:24-30)

21. Jesus Heals the Deaf and the Dumb Man (Mark 7:31-37)

22. Jesus Feeds The 4,000 (Mt 15:30-38, Mark 8:1-9)

23. Jesus Heals The Blind Man (Mark 8:22-26)

24. Jesus Delivers The Demonized Boy (Mt 17:14-21,

Mk 9:14-29, Luke 9:37-43)

25. Jesus Provides Money In A Fish’s Mouth (Matt. 17:24-27)

26. Jesus Heals A Man Born Blind (Jn 9:1-7)

27. Jesus Heals A Woman Bound By Satan (Luke 13: 10-17)

28. Jesus Heals A Man With Dropsy (Luke 14:1-6)

29. Jesus Raises Lazarus (John 11)

30. Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)

31. Jesus Heals Bartimaeus (Mt 20:29-34, Mark 10:46-52, Luke

18:35-43)

32. Jesus Curses A Fig Tree (Mt 21:17-22, Mark 11: 12-14, 20-24)

33. Jesus Replaces Malchus’s Ear (Mt 26:51-56, Mk4: 46-47,

Lk 22:50-51, Jn 18: 10-11)

34. Wonders At Calvary

35. Jesus Provides A Catch Of Fish (Jn 21:1-14)

(There are 35 miracles of Jesus (the number can vary from 33-40 depending on the commentator) given in the New Testament.

• No Gospel writer includes all 35.

• Scripture makes it clear that Jesus performed many more miracles than the Gospel’s record. (John 20:30-31)

• Some miracles are included in all four Gospels and some in only one.

• The miracle accounts may occur in a slightly different order in the different Gospels.

**Now let’s focus on…JESUS-THE MIGHTY MIRACLE WORKER**

**No Matter what miracle the pattern is always the same…**

**NOTICE THE CRIPPLE THAT IS MENTIONED: 11**

**Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.**

**We See Her Hindrance:** **16**

**16This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn’t it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?”**

Jesus said the woman hindrance was the devil who had bound her.

According to Romans 8:15, Jesus does not bind us but free us.

I wonder today how many people the devil has fooled and in doing so has bound them in shackles?

**A man was out hunting and came across a large hole in the ground. Seizing a pole he thrust it into the hole. But, to his dismay, the ground under him suddenly caved in and, before he realized what had happened, he found himself in a den of hissing, squirming, biting snakes.**

**He was unable to extricate himself from these fearful creatures or to combat them. He cried piteously, and his cries brought his companions. They threw him a rope and he clung to it while they pulled him out, but he was badly bitten.**

**We should be careful how we tamper with sin and play around the devil’s dens**

The Devil has many devices in his den to attract them and get them into bondage.

He binds people today with:

**Alcohol-**.

**Drugs**-Drugs are killing My Brother (article) by John’s 10-year-old brother. It used to be a happy world before drugs came into it. My brother John\* learned to use alcohol and smokes at school, from his schoolmates and their parents.

Those drugs made him depressed and sad, so he changed to speed. He can’t get his car licensed because he spends his money on drugs. John lies, too. We asked him about a mark on his arm and he said he scraped it on a car, but we found out it was from needles. John is skinny because the speed takes away his appetite.

Speed has made his back teeth go rotten and black, too. He lost his job because he hit his boss when he was in a bad temper. His eyes look like Frankenstein’s eyes when he takes drugs. I wish John would not do drugs.

**Material things**-

**Sexual Perversion**

**We See Her Hurting:**

**11**he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit. **She had been bent double for eighteen years and was unable to stand up straight.**

She was bent double, she was never able to look up and see the sky, but always had to look down into the dirt.

Can you imagine how embarrassing/humiliating that must have been to her? Yet sin is like that, it will embarrass you, it will hurt you.

**We See Her Helplessness:** 11

**and could in no wise lift up herself.**

She had probably tried many time to lift herself up but she would always fail.

Many are like her today, they try to lift themselves out of sin with their own power. The need to know that only Jesus can lift them and make them right.

I have heard testimonies from so many who have gone through REHAB programs. They got victory over drugs or booze through Christ. **The rehab hospitals could get them off drugs or booze but gave them no power to stay off. Christ gave them the power to have victory.**

The awesome power of a God given conviction to say NO is a simple solution to booze and drugs.

**We See Her Hope**:

**10**One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue,

Notice where she was at? At the Synagogue, at God’s house. She was there hoping to find hope.

This lady really had a desire to go to God’s House. Think of what it took her to get dress and walk to Church.

I amazed at the excuses I have got over the years about not coming to Church.

I not sure I be at Church Sunday, I think I might be sick,

I have to stay with my sick boy, yet I saw both eating out Sunday.

I can’t come until I lose weight.

I can’t come, I get nervous around crowds, yet I saw him at a ball game.

An old question: “Can I be a Christian without joining the church or attending worship?”

Answer: “Yes, it is possible. But it is something like being:

l A student who will not go to school;

l A soldier who will not join the army;

l A citizen who does not pay taxes or vote;

l A salesman with no customers;

l An explorer with no base camp;

l A seaman in a ship without a crew;

l A businessman on a deserted island;

l An author without readers;

l A football player without a team;

l A politician who is a hermit;

l A scientist who does not share his findings;

l A bee without a hive.”

**NOTICE THE CHRIST THAT IS MENTIONED:** 12

**Notice That Christ Saw Her**: 12

**And when Jesus saw her**

Out of the crowd, Jesus saw her, not the building, or the choir but her. He saw her pain, he saw her problem.

**Jim Bishop writes this interesting story: “You don’t hear much about Robert De Vincenzo, the tough Argentine golfer, and he may not be the world’s greatest, but he is all man all the way. Not long ago, he surprised everybody by winning a tournament, and they gave him his check on the eighteenth green. He flashed a smile for the flash bulbs and walked alone to the clubhouse.**

**“In back, where his car was parked, a sad-eyed young lady walked up to him. ‘It’s a good day for you,’ she said, ‘but I have a baby with an incurable disease. It’s of the blood, and the doctors say she will die.’ De Vincenzo paused. In slow English, he said, ‘May I help your little girl?’**

**The woman’s face froze. He took out a pen, endorsed his winning check, and pressed it into her hand. ‘Make some good days for the baby,’ he said. He accepted all the congratulatory handshakes soberly and said nothing.**

**“A week later, he was having lunch in a country club when a PGA official approached. ‘Some of the boys in the parking lot told me you met a young woman after you won the tournament,’ he said. De Vincenzo nodded. ‘Well,’ said the official, ‘I have news for you. She’s a phony.**

**She has no sick baby. She’s not even married. She fleeced you, my friend.’ The golfer looked up. ‘You mean that there is no baby who is dying without hope?’ he said. The PGA official said, ‘Right.’ De Vincenzo grinned. ‘That’s the best news I’ve heard all week,’ he said.”**

**Notice That Christ Spoke To Her**:12

**and said unto her**

This woman felt like no one cared for her, she probably hated to walk Church because nobody wanted her fellowship.

But Jesus spoke to her with tender words. Words of care and concern about her problem.

You may be here today, and feel like that no one cares for you; you think that you don’t count. But I got news for you, you count for Jesus, He loves you.

Because Jesus showed love and compassion, we who are in His family should do the same to the world around about us.

**NOTICE THE CURE THAT IS MENTIONED:** 12

**Notice Rapidness Of The Cure**:**13A**

**And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight,** and glorified God.

When Jesus touched her, she was made well right there on the spot. He didn’t’ tell her to go home and take pill for 30 days, but He made her straight.

After looking in the dust for 18 years, she looks and the first thing she sees is the face of Jesus. Then she sees the people and the world around her.

I am glad that Jesus can make a sinful life straight also. Jesus knows just where to touch you, He knows how to meet your need.

**Notice The Rejection Of The Cure**:**14-15**

**And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day.**

**[15] The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering?**

The poor woman who had been set free was praising the Lord, and all her friends were rejoicing and shouting, “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord!” But the leader of the synagogue couldn’t stand it. In the midst of the rejoicing, he jumped to his feet and ordered everyone to be quiet and stop rejoicing. There wasn’t going to be any healing in HIS synagogue on the Sabbath.

Jesus pulled back curtain of their life and it showed they were hypocrites, they were more in the needs of their oxen that the needs of people.

**Notice The Rejoicing Of The Cure:13,17**

**And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.**

I believe if you had been bowed down for 18 years and Jesus made you straight, you too would have rejoiced as this woman did and her friends with her.

**Jesus wants to do the same for you that He did for this woman. Here’s His word for you: “Straighten up.” If your marriage is a mess and you feel bent over from the burden, let Jesus touch you, then straighten up and praise Him. If addicted to something, Satan has you bound, let Jesus touch you, then, straighten up.**