

## The Purpose of Miracles

Matthew 14:13-36

### Introduction:

- We use the term “miracle” loosely
  1. To refer to something ex\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. To refer to something that is highly im\_\_\_\_\_.
- What is a miracle from God’s standpoint? – Matt 19:24-26
  1. It has to do with the i\_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Something that o\_\_\_\_\_ God can do.
    - a. The magicians of Pharaoh turned their rods into serpents according to their s\_\_\_\_\_ arts (i.e. they had to operate within the laws of nature - Ex 7:8-13).
    - b. Later, they declared Moses’ works as being the f\_\_\_\_\_ of God (i.e. operating outside the laws of nature - Ex 8:19).
- Matt 14:13-36 gives some reasons for God doing miracles. Whenever we see a miracles we should r\_\_\_\_\_ in accordance to its purpose.

### Miracles sometimes reveal God’s comp\_\_\_\_\_ (13-21)

- When Jesus saw the crowd He had c\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14)
  1. By h\_\_\_\_\_ their sick and f\_\_\_\_\_ the 5000.
  2. The word, compassion, refers to an strong inward feeling that m\_\_\_\_\_ one to act mercifully.
- We already k\_\_\_\_\_ that God has compassion for us
  1. By r\_\_\_\_\_ the Bible
  2. When we are going through p\_\_\_\_\_ of various kinds
  3. No m\_\_\_\_\_ needs to be done to know this.
  4. But most the time His compassion is i\_\_\_\_\_ to us.
- Whenever a miracle happens that meets a person’s need, God is revealing His compassion to:
  1. The person on whom the miracle is done.
  2. All the people who w\_\_\_\_\_ the miracle.
- What compassionate miracles has this church witnessed?

## Miracles sometimes reveal God's p \_\_\_\_\_ (22-36)

- The story of Jesus walking on the water (22-33) – God is not bound by the laws of n \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. The p \_\_\_\_\_ of the Red Sea defied natural law.
  2. The raising of Lazarus from death after being dead \_\_\_ days.
- The account of the sick touching Jesus's c \_\_\_\_\_ and getting healed (34-36) - God's power over natural law (34-36).
- One day Jesus will r \_\_\_\_\_ death for every believer (1Thess 5:23,24)

## Miracles always reveal God's p \_\_\_\_\_ (33)

- After the miracle of Jesus walking on the water and the storm being stopped
  1. The disciples said, "You are c \_\_\_\_\_ God's Son."
    - a. They already knew Jesus to be God's Son, the Messiah. That is why they f \_\_\_\_\_ Him in the first place.
    - b. The word, certainly, refers to outward e \_\_\_\_\_ that supported the truth they already knew. In other words, the miracle confirmed the identity which Jesus claimed.
  2. They responded by w \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
- All miracles have the p \_\_\_\_\_ purpose of revealing who God is.
  1. Jn 2:23 – *Many believed in His n \_\_\_\_\_*
  2. Ex 9:16 – *...that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.*
  3. Josh 2:11 – Rahab the h \_\_\_\_\_ came to believe in the God of Israel due to His miracles.
- There is a miracle that is occurring a lot throughout the world – the miracle of s \_\_\_\_\_
  1. No one can s \_\_\_\_\_ themselves.
  2. Only God can save a person through Jesus Christ.
    - a. 1000's are coming to Christ every day in C \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of persecution.
    - b. Many Moslems are receiving v \_\_\_\_\_ directing them to someone who explains the gospel and they accept Christ even though it means persecution.
    - c. During VBS, \_\_\_\_\_ kids came to Christ
  3. This is a miracle that should cause us all to worship the Lord!