

Jesus and Miracles (Luke 7:11-23)

Experience God's Power – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – June 12, 2016
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Luke 4:18-19 (NIV) "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

John 14:11 (NIV) Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves.

Matthew 7:22-23 (NIV) Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

1. Jesus has _____ over death

Luke 7:11 (NIV) Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.

1A. Miracles are motivated by _____

Luke 7:12-13 (NIV) As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out--the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."

1B. Jesus' _____ raised the dead

Luke 7:14-15 (NIV) Then he went up and touched the coffin, and those carrying it stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

1C. Miracles bring _____ to God

Luke 7:16-17 (NIV) They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

2. Miracles strengthen _____

2A. John _____ that Jesus was the Messiah

Luke 7:18-19 (NIV) John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"

2B. Jesus' miracles _____ him

Luke 7:21-22 (NIV) At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.

2C. We live in an age of _____, not judgment

Luke 7:23 (NIV) Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me."

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 - Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
- Study Luke 7 to better understand God's miracle-working power.
- Invite your friends, relatives, workmates & neighbors to our Sunday service.

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Intro. What does the fact that the Bible shows God's miracle-working power from Genesis to Revelation tell you?

Summarize Jesus' mission in life from Luke 4:18-19.

What did Jesus say was the purpose of His miracles (John 14:11)?

Does performing miracles always show that someone is from God (Matthew 7:22-23)? Why or why not?

How can you tell if someone working a miracle is from God or not (Matthew 7:15-21)?

1A. Why do you think that large crowds followed Jesus (Luke 7:11)?

1B. What motivated Jesus to raise the widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:12-13)? Why is this motivation important?

1C. How could the dead man hear Jesus' command and come to life (Luke 7:14-15)?

1D. What were the results of the miracle of raising the widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:16-17)?

1E. What is significant that Jesus instructed his disciples to also raise the dead (Matthew 10:12)?

1F. How does that fact that one of the gifts of the Spirit is the working of miracles impact your view of miracles today (1 Corinthians 12:8-11)?

1G. Do you believe that God could use you to work a miracle? Why or why not?

2A. Why do you think that John the Baptist doubted that Jesus was the Messiah (Luke 7:18-19)?

2B. How did Jesus answer the questions of John the Baptist (Luke 7:21-22)?

2C. How did Jesus' answer to John compare to Jesus' mission in life from Luke 4:18-19?

2D. What did Jesus mean with his statement to John in Luke 7:23?

2E. What does it mean to say that we live in the age of the already and not yet with regard to the kingdom of God?

2F. Some say we have full access to Kingdom power today and others that we have no access. What is wrong with both views?

2G. What is the significance of Acts 1:1 regarding miracles today?