

WERE MIRACLES INTENDED TO BE
TEMPORARY?
(DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?)

Matthew 20:29 - 34

BACK TO THE BASICS

1. What is a “miracle”? Where does a miracle come from?
 - “A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency,” i.e., God.
 - An “impossible happening” by the hand of God. “Miracles” video [here](#).

1. GOD, AS CREATOR, IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN OVERRIDE HIS OWN LAWS.

A. **God created all things.** Genesis 1 – 2; John 1:1-3, Ex 4:11; Numbers 11:23, Deut 3:24, Heb 11:3, Rev 4:11, Eccl 7:13, Gen 18:4, Matt 19:26

B. **God does not change nor does His power.**

• Mal 3:6, 1 Sam 15:29

C. **Only God does true miracles.** John 9:30-33

WHY WOULD GOD OVERRIDE HIS OWN NATURAL LAWS TODAY?

1. **God is compassionate. He sees us in our pain.** Matt 20:34, Jonah 4:2, Joel 2:13, Ps 116:5, 112:4, 111:4, 103:8, **John 2:23-25.**

- **compassion** - the emotion one feels in response to the suffering of others **that motivates a desire to help.**
- 98 times, 92 verses.

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2. Means whereby God gives witness to who Christ was and what His message and purpose were.
 - A. John 5:36, the “works” testify of me...that the Father has sent me.
 - B. Matt 9:8, paralytic forgiven and healed.
 - C. Romans 1:4, resurrection declared SOG.

WHY WOULD GOD OVERRIDE HIS OWN NATURAL LAWS TODAY?:

3. Miracles are “evangelistic” stepping-stones that lead to belief in Jesus.

- Matt 9:30, 12:15, 19:2, 20:34, Luke 18:43.
- John 1:4, “In Him was life and the life was the light of men.”
- Miracles do not save. John 5:15

MIRACLES OCCUR BY THE SOVEREIGN WILL OF GOD.

1. God heals when He decides it to be the right thing to do; according to His will.
 - Rom 9:14-17
 - Duane Miller video.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

1. **Repent of our unbelief**, confessing it as sin.
2. **Begin praying in the name**, authority, and power of the blood of Jesus.
 - Call 3 people this week to pray with them.
3. **Ask one person if they believe in miracles.**
 - Use the conversation as an evangelistic “stepping stone.”