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**Mark 10:46-52**

# 1. *What* is a “miracle”?

- 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.
  - "the miracle of rising from the grave"
  - The healing of Bartimaeus

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# Some “spectacular” NT miracles.

A. The storm.” Mk 4:39

B. Walk on water. Matt 14:25, 39

C. Dead raised - 3x. John 11, Matt 9:25

D. Blind, lepers, disabled, all sickness.

E. Great catch of fish. 2x

F. Virgin birth and resurrection of Jesus.

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## 2. **When** did miracles occur?

A. As Jesus was “**passing by.**” Luke 17:12

B. Someone **sent for Jesus.** Luke 8:49

C. When Jesus **was at or on his way** to the **Temple/synagogue** on Sabbath. Matt 12:9

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### 3. The **purpose** of miracles?

- A. To **authenticate** Jesus. Lk 5:24, Jn 5:36, Rom 1:4
- B. To bring us to **faith**. Lk 5:8; Acts 9:27
- C. To **authenticate** the **preaching** of the **gospel**. 1 Cor 2:2-5; Acts 2:38
- D. To give believers **joy**. Jn 16:24

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Jesus refused to perform miracles for **unbelieving skeptics.**

A. Mark 12:38-39, Mark 8:12

B. Matt. 4:3 And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But he answered... (NAU)

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## 4. Two things were necessary for a miracle to occur.

A. The **presence** of the power of the Spirit to heal. Luke 5:17

B. **Faith** in **Almighty God** to heal:

1. the healer: Luke 17:6

2. the healed: Bartimaeus faith

3. Absence of faith: Mark 6:5-6

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**Even Jesus' healings were impacted by the absence of faith.**

- **Mk. 6:5-6 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup> And He wondered at their unbelief... (NAU)**

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# Is the faith of our day like the unfaith of Jesus' day?

2 Tim 3:1, 5 ... in the last days, there will come times of difficulty... For people will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the **appearance of godliness, but denying its power**. Avoid such people. (ESV)

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## **5. The faith-walk of Bartimaeus that brought healing:**

- 1. He believed. 10:47**
- 2. He refused to be silent. 10:48**
- 3. He persisted in his cry for healing.**
- 4. He threw off what hindered him. 10:50**

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Did Jesus give his followers the gifts of the miraculous?

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**; because I go to the Father. (Jn. 14:12 NAU)

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