

“The Purposes Of Miracles”

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 2:1-4.**

I. Who Worked Miracles?

- Not John The Baptist- **John 10:41.**
- Jesus Performed Miracles- **John 2:11; 6:14.**
- The Apostles Performed Miracles- **Acts 3:1-10; 4:13-17; 5:12-16.**
- The Early Disciples- **Acts 8:5-8.**

II. Why Did Jesus Work Miracles?

- To Produce Faith & Glorify God- **John 2:23; 11:1-4; 14-15; 31-46; 47-48; Acts 8:13.**
- To Prove That He Was God’s Son- **John 20:30-31.**
- To Prove That He Was Approved Of God- **John 3:1-2; 5:36; Acts 1:3; 2:22.**
- To Show Compassion In Helping Their Suffering- **Mark 8:1-9; Matthew 14:14.**
 - Some Might Argue That This Was The Main Purpose, But When We Read In **Mark 6:5-6.**
- Jesus Never Used Miracles Just To Show Off His Power- **Matthew 4:5-7; Luke 23:8.**

III. Why Did The Apostles Work Miracles?

- Not To Benefit Themselves- **Acts 3:6; 1 Thessalonians 2:5-8.**
- To Confirm The Gospel Was From God- **Mark 16:15-20.**
- But To Confirm God Was Working Through Them- **Acts 14:3; 15:12.**

IV. How Did They Receive The Power To Work Miracles?

- Jesus And The 12 Apostles Received Power Directly- **Acts 1:8--2:1-4.**
- Cornelius and Other Gentiles- **Acts 10:44-48; 11:15.**
- Other Disciples By Laying Hands On Them- **Acts 8:14-18; 19:1-6.**

V. How Long Were Miracles To Last Among Christians?

- We Might Wonder Why God Doesn’t Heal Through Men Today?
 - Modern Fake Healers & Those Who Claim To Speak In Tongues Would Argue We Still Do Miracles.
 - But The Proof Is In The Miracles They Claim To Do Themselves— No Raising The Dead Today, Withered Hands Restored Today, No Diseases Healed, Or Even Broken Legs Restored....
 - Modern Day Snake Handlers Are Also Twisting The Scriptures- **Mark 16:18— Acts 28:3-6.**
- Miracles Were Not Always Going To Last- **1 Corinthians 13:8-13.**
- Until The Perfect Word Of God Came- **1 Corinthians 13:10; James 1:25.**