

The King Is Among Us

KING OF KINGS, WE NEED A MIRACLE

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As Christians we celebrate Christmas as the birth of Jesus the promised True King. Jesus came to bring hope, forgiveness and change the hearts of people. Christmas is about miracles.

WHY DO WE NEED A MIRACLE?

PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

Miracles in Scripture are acts of God that proclaim his sovereign power over creation as well as his commitment to the good of his people.

- Old Testament (Exod. 4:1–9)
- New Testament (Luke 5:25), Acts 5:12)

WHY DON'T WE EXPERIENCE TODAY THE MIRACLES WE READ ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

- The scope of Jesus' healings shows the breadth of his authority. (Luke 7:22)
- Miracles also point to God's kingdom and the restoration of creation.
- Jesus' miracles reveal his divine identity—an identity that calls for worship. (Matt. 14:33)

MIRACLES TODAY

The miracles in the Bible served significant purposes in God's redemptive plan at the time.

- Miracles still happen, and Christians should avoid the two extremes of **seeing everything** as a miracle and **seeing nothing** as a miracle.
- Christians **need** to expand their understanding of God's action to include both his providential sustaining in daily affairs and also his miraculous works of redemption in the church.

John 14:12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

- The "greater works" done by those coming after Jesus point primarily to the new eschatology established by Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension.
- God's **miraculous works** in the church include the forgiveness of sins and the inclusion of those who were formerly far away from God
- Whether or not we're privileged to witness miraculous, supernatural events, Christians can be **confident** that God is **actively at work** in the world, bringing people to himself, bringing glory to Jesus, and building his church

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WE are the miracle – you and me!

- When we **submit** ourselves to the King of Kings and we **serve** Him with our heart, mind and soul – **we become a miracle** to those around us.
- When **we display God's love, grace and purpose** to our community – we bring a **supernatural** spirit into their lives and provide a connection to the King of Kings and eternity.

ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A MIRACLE FOR THE KING OF KINGS!