

THE MIRACLE WORKER

John 6:26-27

In Matthew, Mark, Luke and John there are sixty-four different miracles recorded.

Miracles weren't merely a sometimes event; they were a frequent occurrence.

A problem that we encounter is that we don't fully understand the motive and meaning of the miracles. And until we do, we can't fully benefit from his miracle-working power.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) What he could do yesterday, he can do today.

What did these miracles mean, and why did he perform them?

1. Jesus never performed miracles to draw a _____.

Jesus simply was not willing to use people to build up his ministry. Instead, he used his ministry to build up people.

2. *Jesus healed people in spite of the inevitable _____ involved* Ref: John 6:26-27 NLT; John 2:23-25 NLT

"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" (John 11:40 NIV) "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (John 11:44) That's the power of Jesus!

He can take away death and bring life. He is the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

3. Sometimes Jesus healed people to teach a _____ truth. Ref: Mark 2:5-10 NIV

"Does the law permit good deeds on the Sabbath, or is it a day for doing evil? Is this a day to save life or to destroy it?" (Mark 3:4 NIV)

Any doctrine that prevents you from doing good when you can do good, is not good doctrine. Ref: Mark 3:4-6 NIV

4. Jesus healed people because he cares about _____.

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
(Matthew 14:14 NIV)

Jesus really cares about people. Not only to the extent that he healed people at his own personal risk, but also to the extent that he was willing to die on the cross for our sins.

5. Jesus often healed people in response to their _____.

"According to your faith, let it be done to you." (Matthew 9:29)

"Rise and go, your faith has made you well." (Luke 17:19)

Having faith doesn't mean that you dictate to God how your life will turn out in every single detail, but it does mean that you will conquer, in one way or another, every challenge that comes your way — because Jesus responds to faith.

We need to understand this about miracles: They all have a pretty short lifespan. They only last for a little while Ref: John 6:27 NLT)

Jesus sees our lives in the context of the big picture — not just this moment, but all eternity. For this reason, his perspective on what really matters is so much greater than ours.

Our challenge then, is to learn to see life from his perspective