

SIGNS AND WONDERS – 2
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REVIEW:

1. Jesus taught the gospel being preached involves more than words. It includes signs that confirm the gospel message. **MARK 16:15-20**
2. Paul was taught the same truth. **ROMANS 15:18-19 (ESV), 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5 (NLT)** The fully preached gospel involves words accompanied by deeds.
3. Signs and wonders played a significant role in Israel's deliverance from Egypt and entrance into the Promised Land. **PSALMS 78:40-43**
4. The early church knew the value of signs and wonders.

ACTS 14:3 (NLT)

- A. They glorify God and testify to Christ's messianic claims. **MATTHEW 11:1-6 (ESV)**
- B. They convince people of the truth. **JOHN 20:30-31**
- C. They confirm the Word. **MARK 16:20**
- D. They direct our faith to God's power. **1 COR. 2:4-5 (ESV)**

OBJECTIONS TO SIGNS AND WONDERS

1. We shouldn't seek signs and wonders because of what Jesus said in **MATTHEW 12:38-40**.
 - A. Jesus meant that wicked people seek signs with no intention of believing in Him no matter how many signs they see.
 - B. Luke spent the entire book of Acts showing how signs and wonders turn people's hearts toward Christ.
 - **ACTS 2:43, 5:12, 6:8, 8:6, 15:12**

SIGNS SERVE TO FURTHER THE PURPOSES OF GOD

1. Throughout the entire bible and church age, signs and wonders serve to persuade people to believe and further God's purposes.
 - A. Rainbow.
 - B. Moses – Plagues, cloud, fire, Red Sea, manna, water, quail.
 - C. Elijah – Fire down.
 - D. Hezekiah – Shadow.
 - E. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego.
 - F. Cruse of oil.
 - G. Balaam's mule spoke.
 - H. Jordan parted.
 - I. Sun stood still for Joshua.

NEW TESTAMENT – JESUS

- A. Water into wine.
- B. Jesus walked on water.
- C. Food multiplied.
- D. Fig tree cursed.
- E. Storm ceased.
- F. Dead raised.

ACTS

- A. Lame healed.
- B. Dead raised.
- C. Prison doors open.
- D. Angel visitations.

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