

# GOD OF MIRACLES

Joshua 10:12-13 On the day the Lord gave the Amorites over to Israel, Joshua said to the Lord in the presence of Israel:

“Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and you, moon, over the Valley of Aijalon.” <sup>13</sup> So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself on its enemies, as it is written in the Book of Jashar. The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. <sup>14</sup> There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a human being. Surely the Lord was fighting for Israel!

Skeptic: Miracles are impossible. They defy the laws of nature and science.

Believer: Miracles are impossible. They defy the laws of nature and science. \_\_\_\_\_

John 6:12 When they had all had enough to eat, [Jesus] said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” NIV

John 6:12 And when they had eaten their fill, [Jesus] told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ESV

- 1) Don’t let this moment be wasted.  
I don’t want my disciples to miss the full extent of this miracle.
- 2) Don’t let this food be wasted.  
This supernatural food is the product of a miracle, and I don’t want the miracles of God to be wasted.

## **Some of the easier miracles to explain:**

Healing the blind, deaf, sick, and injured.

Casting out evil spirits.

Catching fish. (Luke 5:1-11; John 21:4-11)

Coin in fish’s mouth. (Matt. 17:24-27)

Raising people from the dead.

Widow’s son near Nain (Luke 7:12-16); Jarius’s daughter (Matt 9:18; Mark 5:22; Luke 8:41);

Lazarus (John 11:44)

Jonah

Conception (Abraham and Sarah (Gen. 21:2); Virgen birth (Matt. 1:18))

Talking donkey (Numbers 22:28-30)

Voice from heaven (Matthew 3:17; 17:5; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Luke 3:22)

**Some of the more difficult miracles to explain:**

Turning water into wine. (John 2:1-11)

Walking through a wall (John 20:26)

Multiplying food

(Manna (Exodus 16:4); Flour and oil (Elijah (1 Kings 17:14-16)); Oil (Elisha (2 Kings 4:1-7));

Feeding the thousands (Matt. 14:13-21; Matt. 15:32-39))

Controlling nature

(Flood (Genesis 7:2); Ten plagues (Exodus 7-12); Parting water (Moses, Joshua, Elijah, Elisha);

Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace (Dan. 3:17-18); Jesus calming storm (Matt. 8:23-27),

walking on water (Matt. 14:22-23); Sun stands still (Joshua 10:13-14))

Raising himself from the dead.

**Is it all made up?****Most miracles don't bolster our view of the Bible writers or the people of God.**

- Prime example of why accounts could be made up: David and Goliath
- The overall biblical account is not flattering toward the Israelites.

**Some miracles seem too odd to be made up.**

- Elisha making an axe head float by throwing a stick in the water – 2 Ki 6:6
- Jesus healing blind man – “I see people that look like trees walking around.” (Mark 8:24)

**God is the one glorified.**

What if some brilliant and good-hearted person wanted to develop a belief system that would help people do right and thus preserve a nation?

**Our God is truly a God who has power over health, time, life, nature and etc.**

**Believer:** Miracles are impossible. They defy the laws of nature and science. I believe God does miracles. He does the impossible and operates outside of the laws of nature and science as we understand them.