

"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 33

Introduction: Tonight, in our study of the coming Kingdom we are going top back up and take a closer look at something which we briefly talked about earlier and that would be the miracles of Jesus Christ. When we read through the Gospels and we read of the miracles we see them as miracles that Jesus did all because of the situations that came before Him. But there is much more to the miracles He did.

Matthew 9:1-7

And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and came into his own city.

² *And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.*

³ *And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth.*

⁴ *And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?*

⁵ *For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?*

⁶ *But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.*

⁷ *And he arose, and departed to his house.*

Here in Matthew, we see that Jesus' miracles were to show that He had power on earth to forgive sin. Because only God alone can forgive sin, we can then understand that the miracles were for the purpose of manifesting that He was God in human flesh. But there is much more concerning the miracles of Jesus. Each miracle was for a specific purpose and each purpose was connected to the Kingdom. This is what we are going to see in our study tonight.

1. Power over Demons

Matthew 12:22-29

²² *Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw.*

²³ And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

²⁴ But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

²⁵ And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

²⁶ And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand?

²⁷ And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges.

²⁸ But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

²⁹ Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

The religious leaders accused Jesus of casting out demons by the power of Satan which we know was not correct. This accusation caused the offer of the Kingdom to be postponed. What was the purpose of casting out demons? When Jesus cast out demons, He was showing that He had the power to destroy the kingdom of Satan and establish His Kingdom.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Revelation 11:15

¹⁵ And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

So, casting out demons was evidence to the first century Jews that He had the power to establish His Kingdom that He offered.

2. Power over the animals.

Matthew 17:24-27

²⁴ *And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute?*

²⁵ *He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?*

²⁶ *Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free.*

²⁷ **Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money:** that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

Here in this passage Jesus uses a fish to produce the money for taxes.

Mark 5:8-13

⁸ *For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.*

⁹ *And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.*

¹⁰ *And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.*

¹¹ *Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.*

¹² *And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.*

¹³ *And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. **And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine:** and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea.*

Both of these texts show Jesus power over the animal kingdom which was proof that He could fulfill what the Old Testament prophets had foretold concerning the coming Kingdom.

Isaiah 11:6-9

⁶ *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.*

⁷ *And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*

⁸ *And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.*

⁹ *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

These miracles also proved Jesus had the power to bring about the Kingdom.

3. Power over sickness, diseases, and death.

Mark 3:1-5

And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand.

² *And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him.*

³ *And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.*

⁴ *And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace.*

⁵ *And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.*

Mark 7:32-35

³² *And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.*

³³ *And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue;*

³⁴ *And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened.*

³⁵ *And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain.*

Luke 7:12-15

¹² *Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.*

¹³ *And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.*

¹⁴ *And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

¹⁵ *And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*

John 11:43-44

⁴³ *And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.*

⁴⁴ *And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.*

There are more miracles of healing. From these we can see that Jesus was demonstrating His power to reverse the effects of the curse.

Isaiah 65:19-20

¹⁹ *And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.*

²⁰ *There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.*

4. Power to provide super abundance.

John 21:9-11

⁹ As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

¹⁰ Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught.

¹¹ Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, an hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken.

John 6:10-13

¹⁰ And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

¹² When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

¹³ Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

Mark 8:6-9

⁶ And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.

⁷ And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.

⁸ So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.

⁹ And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.

These miracles all point to the super abundance that will exist in the Kingdom.

Ezekiel 36:29-30

²⁹ *I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.*

³⁰ *And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.*

Joel 2:21-26

²¹ *Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.*

²² *Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.*

²³ *Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

²⁴ *And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.*

²⁵ *And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.*

²⁶ *And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

5. Power over the environment.

Matthew 14:25

²⁵ *And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.*

Mark 4:39

³⁹ *And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.*

His calming the storms and walking on water showed His power to eliminate hazards and to control the environment for the benefit of man.

Conclusion:

Every miracle had a purpose and each purpose was connected to the Kingdom.