

Wasted Miracles!

KJV John 20:30 And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

When John says there are **many other miracles, signs and wonders** Jesus performed, he is referring to such miracles as Jesus (twice) appearing in a room to His disciples without walking through the doors.

The public didn't see any of these miracles, the disciples were the only ones privy to these miracles.

John is saying there were supernatural things Jesus did around them that caused them to believe, not only that He was The Christ (Messiah), but that He hand picked us to be His disciples.

❖ **God doesn't like to waste miracles, neither does He do them to impress people!**

NIV Psalm 78:12 He did miracles in the sight of their ancestors in the land of Egypt, in the region of Zoan.

13 He divided the sea and led them through; he made the water stand up like a wall.

14 He guided them with the cloud by day and with light from the fire all night.

15 He split the rocks in the wilderness and gave them water as abundant as the seas;

16 He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

17 Yet they sinned still more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert.

God did all these signs, wonders and miracles for Israel from Egypt to the wilderness, so they would believe in Him!

So, they would know He is The Only True God and worship Him only!

KJV Psalm 78:22 Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:

24 He rained manna down on them to eat and gave them grain from heaven.

25 Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance.

26 He let loose the east wind from the heavens and by his power made the south wind blow.

27 He rained meat down on them like dust, birds like the sand on the seashore.

ESV Psalm 78:32 In spite of all this, they still sinned; despite his wonders, they did not believe.

What miracles has God done for you?

What has God done for you personally to get you to believe!

Christmas is one of the greatest miracle seasons in the history of the world!

The virgin birth of Jesus is still one of the greatest miracles of all time!

God wasn't boasting or trying to impress anyone, **He did it, so we might believe!**

No matter what miracles God did for Israel in Egypt or the wilderness they never believed God loved them, chose them and had a plan for their lives.

They couldn't see God, they couldn't understand what God was doing in their lives because they wanted something other than what God was doing for them.

I wonder how often we miss God's miraculous moves in our lives because we wanted something else!

- We miss the fact that He provided food because we wanted fame!
- We miss the fact that God provided protection because we wanted pleasure!

When we miss seeing God for who He is and misinterpret His miracles it's because our hearts aren't pure!

Matthew 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

KJV Matthew 13:14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:

15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

God couldn't use Israel in the wilderness, He couldn't take them into The Promised Land so that generation died in the wilderness!

If we continue ignoring what God is doing because we want Him to do something else, we risk dying in the wilderness—dying before we receive The Promise!

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The apostle John says he recorded **certain miracles** Jesus did, so we might believe!

He didn't write down everything Jesus did, only what would minister to us, things relevant to us—things we common everyday people face so we would know and believe God will do miracles for you!

*KJV **John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

*NIV **Romans 15:4** For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.*

Hope (biblical hope) is the expectation of good things from God that changes our bad situations into good, our discouragement into encouragement and our failure into success.

*ESV **John 20:19** On the evening of that day, the first day of the week (**The Sunday afternoon of His resurrection**), the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."*

*GWN **John 20:26** A week later Jesus' disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"*

Jesus did it again! He performed the miracle of appearing supernaturally where His disciples were without hinderance or limitation.

The first time He did it **Doubting Thomas** wasn't around, so Jesus did it again for Thomas sake!

So that **Thomas** might believe!