

In the 35 recorded miracles Jesus performed, 23 were physical healings; in three the dead were raised; in another three, food and drink were provided; two were large catches of fish, and the four remaining ones included: calming a storm, walking on the water, withering a fig tree, and providing tax money in a fishes' mouth. Each of Jesus' miracles met a specific material or physical necessity. There is no record of Jesus exercising divine power merely to satisfy idle curiosity.

### Not Everyone was Impressed

Miracles didn't always impress people in the same way. John 12:37, "But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him:" But others were convinced, John 2:23, "Many believed on his name, beholding the signs which he did."

### The Golden Thread

In describing the miracles of Jesus there is a common theme, like a golden thread, that comes up time after time. It is the word compassion. Notice when Jesus raised the widow's son to life (Luke 7:11-17) that verse 13 states, "...he had compassion on her..." Likewise in Matthew 14:14, "And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick." When two blind men cried out so loudly that the multitude told them to hold their peace,(Matthew 20:29-34), Jesus had compassion on them.

Whether healing leprosy, raising the dead to life or even healing Peter's mother-in-law, it was all done out of a compassion for the needs of the common man. Large public rallies to show off healing powers are unheard of in the ministry of Jesus. Often to avoid a public spectacle, Jesus said, "...See thou tell no man; but go thy way," Matthew 8:4.

Jesus not only did miracles, Jesus is the miracle of miracles. The Christian church is founded on the basis of the belief in a stupendous miracle, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. But, at first, even his disciples didn't, wouldn't or couldn't believe that Jesus was actually alive again after being dead.