1 – It’s A Miracle

John Chapter 6

2 - **What Is a miracle?**

3 Terms used in **Acts 2:22**

* ***“Miracles…”*** - “**inherent power**… residing in a thing by virtue of its nature” (Thayer) “Works of a supernatural origin and character… could not be produced by natural agents and means.” (Vines)
* ***“Wonders…”*** - “Something strange causing the beholder to marvel” (Vine)
* ***“Signs…” -*** “That by which a person or a thing is distinguished from others and known.”(Thayer)

3 - **What Is a miracle?**

**They are unlike anything produced by man**.
(Acts 8:6-13)

**They are undeniable - even to adversaries**.
(Acts 2:22; 4:13-16; John 11:47ff; cf., John 9:20ff)

**They are confirmable by human senses.** (Matthew 11:5)

**They are immediate**. (Luke 13:10-13; John 5:2-9)

4 - **What Is THE PURPOSE OF a miracle?**

* **To instill faith**. (John 20:30-31; note vs. 26-29; cf., Romans 10:17)
* To ***“attest”*** (Acts 2:22) to accredit or demonstrate.
* To ***“testify”*** (Hebrews 2:4; John 5:31ff) “to join in bearing witness, to unite in adding testimony” (Thayer)
* To ***“confirm”*** (Mark 16:20)

5 - **What Is THE PURPOSE OF a miracle?**

* **To confirm who spoke for God!**(Exodus 4:1-5, 30-31)
* **To prove God is with the one performing them**. (John 3:2; 9:32-33; 14:11)
* **Never for personal benefit!** (Matthew 4:2-4)

6 - **What Is THE Duration OF miracles?**

* **Paul said they would cease… *“when the perfect comes”*.** (1 Corinthians 13:8-13; cf., 12:8)
* **What does “perfect” mean? Greek “teleios” meaning “complete, mature, full grown”.**
* **What is “the perfect” and has it come?**(James 1:25)
* **How were miraculous abilities passed on**?
(Acts 8:18)

7 - **Do we need miracles today?**

**Back to John 20:30-31;**

* *“…****these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ****, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”*
* Note the principle taught in Luke 16:29.

8 - **Do we need miracles today?**

The purpose of miracles is to lead to **faith**, **obedience** and **eternal life**!

*“…****that*; *believing you may have life in His name****.”* **(**John 20:30-31)

*“****But when they believed****…* ***they were being baptized****.”* (Acts 8:12)

9 - **Do we need miracles today?**

We need to **continually remind ourselves of His awesome power** and keep building our faith!

We need to ***“draw near”*** to God and **humble ourselves** before Him. (James 4:8-10)

We need to learn the corollary lessons that accompany each miracle.

10 - **Do we need miracles today?**

We need the greatest miracle of all… Jesus’ resurrection from the dead that declared triumphantly who He is (Romans 1:4) and gave us victory over our sins (Romans 6:1-6).