

Q & A
Messianic
Miracles

Follow up from last week: (7-16-23)

1. Here is the verse to tell us that nothing can make us lose our salvation.

Romans 8:38-39

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. During His earthly ministry, our Lord Jesus Christ did not directly tell the people who He was. He relied on His followers to know the miracles He was performing were “Messianic” miracles—meaning that they could only be performed by the Messiah.

One miracle that only the Messiah could perform was healing a man who had been born blind. When Jesus performed this miracle, believers knew it was “of God.”

John 9:32-33

Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. **If this man were not of God, he could do nothing.**

Another Messianic miracle was casting out a devil that had made a person unable to speak. When Jesus performed this miracle, believers knew He was the son of David.

Matthew 12:22-23

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

Another Messianic miracle was raising a person from the dead. When Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead, John writes that many of the witnesses believed on Him.

John 11:43-45

And **when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 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. Then **many of the Jews which came to**

Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, believed on him.

The 4th miracle that only the Messiah could do was to heal a leper. Jesus healed 10 at one time. Believers knew Jesus was the Christ by His miracles.

John 7:26-31

But, lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say nothing unto him. **Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.** Then cried Jesus in the temple as he taught, saying, Ye both know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I know him: for I am from him, and he hath sent me. Then they sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his hour was not yet come. **And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done?**

3. Habakkuk 1:13

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Matthew 27:45-46

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

4. Another example of how important it is to know what your Bible actually says...

The Chinese Communist Party is re-writing the Bible. By Rep. Mike Gallagher | Fox News
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As part of a push to "sinicize" religion, the Chinese Communist Party has embarked on a 10-year project to rewrite the Bible and other religious texts.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus famously confronts the accusers a woman caught committing adultery, saying "let the one among you who is guiltless be the first to throw a stone at her."

The chastened accusers slink away and Jesus says to the woman, "'Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus. 'Go away, and from this moment sin no more.'" The rewritten Gospel of John excerpt

ends, not with mercy, but with Jesus himself stoning the adulterous woman to death.

Across Henan province, local CCP officials forced Protestant churches to replace the Ten Commandments with Xi Jinping quotes. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me," became diktats like: "Resolutely guard against the infiltration of Western ideology."

The 10-year project to rewrite the Bible, Quran and other sacred texts is all part of Xi Jinping's quest to make the faithful serve the party rather than God.

The CCP wishes for there to be nothing higher than their authority, and views love for anything besides their Marxist-Leninist regime with vicious jealousy.

Yet, even under intense persecution, faith persists throughout China and the number of faithful grows. In my work in Congress, I've heard unthinkable stories of religious oppression. But I've also listened to accounts of underground churches, brave clergy, and steadfast believers every bit as courageous as saints of the early Church.