

Two Things That Made Jesus Marvel

What things could possibly amaze the Son of God, God in the flesh?

Introduction

- Think of some things which amaze us, cause us to marvel, wonder?
- If we had lived in first century, we hopefully would have been amazed at Jesus and His miracles like others were
- But what two things could possibly amaze Jesus, the Creator of all, Savior of all and present Lord of Heaven and earth?

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Jesus Marvelled At Their Unbelief

Mar 6:1 Jesus went out from there and *came into His hometown; and His disciples *followed Him.

Mar 6:2 When the Sabbath came, He began to teach in the synagogue; and the many listeners were astonished, saying, "Where did this man *get* these things, and what is *this* wisdom given to Him, and such miracles as these performed by His hands?"

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Mar 6:3 "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? Are not His sisters here with us?" And they took offense at Him.

Mar 6:4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his *own* relatives and in his *own* household."

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Mar 6:5 And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them.

Mar 6:6 And He wondered at their unbelief. And He was going around the villages teaching.

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Jesus Marvelled At Their Unbelief

- The people of Nazareth, Jesus' hometown, did not believe in Him
- They had all the evidence in front of them including His miracles and the Scriptures which foretold of Him
- But, they made Him out to be a nobody, not worthy of their belief in Him
- They were offended at Him trying to rise above them as somebody great

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Jews Had Great Advantage Having Old Testament

Rom 3:1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision?

Rom 3:2 Great in every respect. First of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.

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Jews Had Great Advantage Having Seen His Miracles

Mat 11:20 Then He began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent.

Mat 11:23 "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

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Jews Had Great Advantage Having Seen His Miracles

Mat 11:24 "Nevertheless I say to you that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in *the* day of judgment, than for you."

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Jews Had Great Advantage Having Heard His Teaching

Luk 2:41 Now His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover.

Luk 2:42 And when He became twelve, they went up *there* according to the custom of the Feast;

Luk 2:47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

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Jews Had Great Advantage Having Heard His Teaching

Luk 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and He continued in subjection to them; and His mother treasured all *these* things in her heart.

Luk 2:52 And Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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Jesus Marvelled At The Centurion's Faith

Luk 7:1 When He had completed all His discourse in the hearing of the people, He went to Capernaum.

Luk 7:2 And a centurion's slave, who was highly regarded by him, was sick and about to die.

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Jesus Marveled At The Centurion's Faith

Luk 7:3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders asking Him to come and save the life of his slave.

Luk 7:4 When they came to Jesus, they earnestly implored Him, saying, "He is worthy for You to grant this to him;

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Luk 7:5 for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue."

Luk 7:6 Now Jesus *started* on His way with them; and when He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself further, for I am not worthy for You to come under my roof;

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Luk 7:7 for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You, but *just* say the word, and my servant will be healed.

Luk 7:8 "For I also am a man placed under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes, and to another, 'Come!' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it."

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Jesus Marveled At The Centurion's Faith

Luk 7:9 Now when Jesus heard this, He marveled at him, and turned and said to the crowd that was following Him, "I say to you, not even in Israel have I found such great faith."

Luk 7:10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

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Jesus Marveled At The Centurion's Faith

- Jesus, the Creator, amazed at this man's faith
- He was unusual because he was a Gentile soldier in Roman army helping to occupy Judea
- But, he was a believer in the Jewish God
- Generous toward Jews and built Capernaum synagogue

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Jesus Marveled At The Centurion's Faith

- He acknowledged he was unworthy to come before the Lord
- But, he sends others to plead with Jesus to heal his sick servant whom he loved
- He was a man of authority but recognized Jesus' authority to heal
- He was a man of humility

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Applications For Us

- Is the Lord amazed by our unbelief or with our faith?
- Can we do better in His service than we presently do?
- Do we have the faith to evangelize, pray, edify one another, provide for those sick and in need?

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Do We Have A Joyous Obedient Faith?

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Act 2:44 And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common;

Act 2:45 and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

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Act 2:46 Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Do We Have A Joyous Obedient Faith?

Act 8:1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Act 8:2 *Some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him.

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Act 8:3 But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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Applications For Us

- Or, are we lazy and unfruitful being distracted by material, technological and social concerns?
- We need to remember that there is unbelief only among those living on the earth
- In the eternal world, whether obedient to God or rebellious, there are no unbelievers

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No Unbelief In Eternal World

Luk 16:22 "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.

Luk 16:23 "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.

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