



### God's Power over Nature

#### Power to Create a Supernatural Star

Two thousand years ago, God provided a supernatural star to lead wise men from the East (modern-day Iran) to Bethlehem. They knew the star was a supernatural sign from God pointing to a unique person who was born to be a great king. The star led them to the baby Jesus. These wise men then paid homage to Jesus, giving Him valuable gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2)

#### Power to Calm a Raging Storm

The Gospel tells of a group of fishermen who were crossing the Sea of Galilee when a raging storm threatened to sink their boat. They became terrified and awakened their leader, Jesus, who was sleeping in the stern. Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" The wind ceased immediately, and the sea became completely calm. Then the fishermen were filled with a great fear, even more than their fear of the storm, because they realized that their leader had the supernatural power to stop a raging storm by simply talking to it. (Matthew 8 and Mark 4)

#### Power to Feed Thousands of People

When Jesus was teaching beside the Sea of Galilee, about four thousand men (plus women and children) had been with Him for three days and now had nothing to eat. Jesus had compassion on the crowd and decided to feed them. He took seven loaves of bread and a few fishes, asked God's blessing on the food, and had His disciples distribute the food to the crowd. Everyone ate and was satisfied. God had given Jesus the power to miraculously multiply the loaves and fishes. (Matthew 15) On another occasion, God gave Jesus the power to feed five thousand men (plus women and children) with five barley loaves and two fishes. (John 6)

### God's Power to Heal

The Gospel is filled with numerous accounts of miraculous and supernatural healings. God gave Jesus power to perform healings that cannot be explained even today with all the modern medicines and medical treatments available worldwide. God demonstrated His great compassion and love for mankind by giving Jesus the power to heal a multitude of people of every disease and every affliction. (Matthew 9:35-37) Jesus healed the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others. (Matthew 15:30)

The Gospel describes in detail some of the most dramatic and amazing miracles of healing that Jesus performed.

When Jesus was at Capernaum, He touched the eyes of two blind men and their eyes were opened. They were able to see. (Matthew 9:27-31) At Jericho, Jesus had compassion on two blind men sitting by the roadside. He touched their eyes and immediately they recovered their sight. (Matthew 20:34) On another occasion, Jesus healed a blind beggar along the roadside by saying, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God. (Luke 18:40-43)

Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law who was lying in bed with a fever. He touched her hand and the fever left her. (Matthew 8:14-15)

Jesus healed a mute man, and the mute man spoke. (Matthew 9:32-33)

Jesus healed a deaf man in the region of Decapolis. The people who witnessed this miracle were astonished beyond measure. They said, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Matthew 7:31-36)

Jesus healed a leper. He touched the leper, saying, "Be clean." And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. (Matthew 8:1-3) On another occasion, Jesus healed ten lepers at the same time simply by speaking to them. (Luke 17:11-19)

Jesus healed a centurion's servant severely tormented by palsy (paralysis accompanied by involuntary tremors) by simply speaking, and the man was healed. (Matthew 8:5-13)

When some men brought Jesus a paralyzed man lying on a mat, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "Get up, take your mat and go home." Then the man got up and went home. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to Jesus. (Matthew 9:1-8)

Jesus healed a man who had a withered hand by telling him to stretch out his hand, and as he did so, his hand was restored whole as the other. (Luke 6:10)

Jesus healed a disabled woman who had been crippled for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, He called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from

your infirmity." Then He put His hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. (Luke 13:10-13)

Jesus healed a man who had dropsy (abnormal swelling) by holding him. (Luke 14:1-6).

When Jesus was being arrested on the Mount of Olives, Peter tried to protect Jesus by drawing his sword and striking the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Jesus touched the man's ear and healed him. (Luke 22:50-51)

### God's Power over Angels, Heavenly Spirits, Devils, Demons, and Satan

God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus. (Luke 1:26-37)

When Jesus was born, God sent an angel to tell shepherds (who were keeping watch over their flocks in nearby fields) that "... today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:8-15)

When Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the desert to pray and fast for forty days, Satan tried to tempt Jesus to sin, but Jesus rebuffed the devil's temptations by the power of God's Word, the Holy Scriptures. (Luke 4:1-13) Then, angels came to Jesus and attended to Him. (Matthew 4:11)

Jesus drove out many demons from a man into a herd of pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. (Luke 8:26-39)

Jesus drove out a demon from a mute man. When the demon was driven out, the man was able to speak. The crowd was amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel." (Matthew 9:32-33)

Jesus drove out a demon from a boy. Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and the boy was healed at that moment. All the people were amazed at the greatness of God. (Matthew 17:14-18)

Jesus drove out a demon from a Canaanite woman's daughter because of her great faith in Jesus. (Matthew 15:21-28)

One day, Jesus went up a high mountain with Peter, James, and John and was transfigured before them; that is, His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. Then Moses and Elijah appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. A bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"

### What does the Qur'an say about the Gospel?

Sura 4:163-164 "Lo! We inspire thee as We inspired Noah and the prophets after him, as We inspired Abraham and Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and **Jesus** and Job and Jonah and Aaron and Solomon, and as We imparted unto David the Psalms; And messengers We have mentioned unto thee before and messengers We have not mentioned unto thee; and Allah spake directly unto Moses..."

Sura 5:46 "And We caused **Jesus**, son of Mary, to follow in their footsteps, confirming that which was (revealed) before him in the Torah, and We bestowed on him the **Gospel** wherein is guidance and a light, confirming that which was (revealed) before it in the Torah - a guidance and an admonition unto those who ward off (evil)."



### What does the Qur'an say about judging the truth using the Gospel?

Sura 5:47-48 "Let the People of the **Gospel** judge by that which Allah hath revealed therein. Whoso judgeth not by that which Allah hath revealed: such are evil-livers. And unto thee have We revealed the Scripture with the truth, confirming whatever Scripture was before it, and a watcher over it ..."



### What does the Gospel say about the Power of God?

The Gospel describes the amazing and awesome power of God through numerous signs, wonders, and supernatural events. Let's examine some of these signs, wonders and events to better understand the supernatural power of God. Let's examine God's power over nature, health, angels, demons, prophecy, forgiveness of sin, death, heaven and hell.

### God's Power over Death

As amazing as it may seem, the Gospel Scriptures tell us that God gave Jesus the power to raise at least 4 specific people from the dead:

1. Jairus' daughter (Luke 8:49-56).
2. The widow of Nain's son (Luke 7:12-15).
3. Martha's and Mary's brother Lazarus (John 11:43-44).
4. Jesus Himself rose from the dead and later appeared in a "glorified body" to as many as five hundred people after His resurrection (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-18; Luke 24:1-35; John 20-21).

### God's Power to Prophecy the Future

One of the tests of a true Prophet of God is this: if a prophet claims to have a prediction from God about the future, the prediction must come to pass. The Torah states that "When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; and the prophet has spoken presumptuously" (Deuteronomy 18:21-22). A true prophet's message will be accompanied by confirming signs. The Gospel records several of Jesus' prophecies as well as their confirming signs.

Jesus prophesied His betrayal by Judas. (Matthew 26:20-25 and 26:47-49)

Jesus accurately prophesied that Peter would deny Him 3 times and that a rooster would crow after the third denial. (Matthew 26:34 and 26:69-75; Luke 22:31-34 and 22:55-61)

Jesus even foretold His own death and resurrection. (Luke 9: 21-22; Luke 9:43-45; Luke 18:31-34; Luke 24:1-12; Matthew 16:21; and Matthew 17:22-23)

When Jesus came to Jerusalem for the last time, He foretold the destruction of the temple and of Jerusalem. In the year 70 A.D., the Romans did destroy Jerusalem and did obliterate the temple so that not one stone was left on another. (Matthew 24:1-2 and Luke 21:5-24)

Jesus passed the test of a true prophet because all His predictions came to pass exactly as He predicted.

### God's Power to Forgive Sins

More important than any earthly healing of our bodies is the spiritual healing from our sins so that we can spend eternity in heaven with God. The Gospel tells us that Jesus has the awesome power for forgive our sins.

When Jesus forgave the sins of a paralyzed man, the religious leaders accused Jesus of blasphemy, saying that only God can forgive sins. Jesus replied, "Which is easier: to say to this man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So He said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." The man got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of everyone. When the crowd saw this, they were filled with awe; and they praised God, who had given such authority to man. (Mark 2:1-12 and Matthew 9:1-8)

When the religious leaders brought in a woman caught in adultery, and stood her before Jesus, they asked Jesus if she should be stoned to death for her sin. Jesus said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Every one of them, convicted by their own conscience, went away. Jesus then said to the woman, that since she had no one left to condemn her, neither would He condemn her. He said, "Go, and sin no more." (John 8:11)

When Jesus was at the home of a religious leader, a sinful woman of the town came in and cried tears of repentance over Jesus' feet, poured expensive perfume on them, wiped His feet with her hair, and kissed His feet over and over. Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:36-50)

The apostle Paul said, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I (Paul) am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life." (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

### God's Power to Take People to Heaven

The Gospel says that God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Jesus said "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (gets to heaven) except through Me." (John 14:6)

Jesus also said "...I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life." (John 6:47)

The Gospel also says, "The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." (John 3:35-36)

When Jesus was being crucified on the cross, one of the criminals realized that Jesus was indeed the Messiah and said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:39-43)

### What else does the Gospel say about Jesus?

The Gospel says that "Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down ... even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written." (John 21:25)

### What will you do right now?

Will you believe that Jesus is the Momentous Sacrifice Who died on the cross for your sins and for the sins of the world? Will you believe that He rose from the dead to show that He has the power to overcome death and provide eternal life to those who believe in Him? Will you trust in the power of Jesus to forgive your sins and take you to heaven? Will you accept Jesus today as your Messiah and Savior?

Right now, say to Jesus: "Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and I do not deserve eternal life. I believe that You died and rose from the grave to purchase a place in heaven for me. Lord Jesus, come into my life, take control of my life, forgive my sins, and save me. I repent of my sins and now place my trust in You for my eternal salvation. I accept Your free gift of eternal life."



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