

Sunday, Sept. 4th, 2011



## MYTH BUSTERS

### Today's Study: Is it true that all miracles in the Bible really happened?

**Going Deeper:** questions for discussion with family, friends, Life Group, or for personal reflection.

#### Sunday Review:

Reflecting on this week's message from the Word, what challenged you the most? Was there anything that surprised you, or that you had never heard before? Was there anything that you still do not understand? (as a group you can discuss these points and try to answer any remaining questions.)

- Can we trust the miracles of the Bible to have been true? Why or why not? Do miracles still happen today?
- How would you know if an unusual wonder is of God and not a coincidence or from the devil? (2 Thessalonians 2:9, Acts 8:9-11)
- What miracle is the most important to us (1 Corinthians 15:12-19)? What are the implications if that miracle was not true?
- Which do you think is more important: miracles or the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)? Explain.
- What stands out to you the most in the Bible's teaching about miracles? What questions do you still have about miracles? Discuss those as a Life Group.
- What kind of thinking causes Christians to doubt miracles?
- In thinking about your worldview, in what areas of your life does the Bible direct your thinking, and in what areas does something other than the bible (e.g. popular opinion, scientific theory, etc.) direct your thinking? Where do you need to change? How can you change that?

### Resources for further study:

(The following resources are offered to help you think through this issue. The provision of this list does not imply the full support of everything you may read on these sites or in these books.)

#### Miracles:

- Campbell-Jack & McGrath, eds. (2006) *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*, IVP (In Church library) pp. 431-436
- Copan, Paul (2008) *When God Goes to Starbucks*, Baker, Chapters 5, 6
- Craig, William Lane (2008) *Reasonable Faith*, Crossway, (In Church library) Chapter 6
- Geisler, Norman (1999) *Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, Baker, pp. 449-488.
- Geisler, Norman & Ronald M. Brooks, (2008 rpr.) *When Skeptics Ask*, Baker, Chapter 5
- Geisler, Norman & Frank Turek, (2004) *I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*, Crossway (In Church library) Chapter 8.
- Keller, Timothy (2008) *The Reason for God*, Riverside, (In Church library as audio book) Chapter 6
- Moreland & Craig, (2003) *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview*, IVP, pp. 565-576.
- Strobel, Lee (2000) *The Case for Faith*, Zondervan (In Church library) Chapter 2

#### Website Articles:

- van der Breggen, Hendrik – three APOLOGIA columns on miracles at: <http://apologiabyhendrikvanderbreggen.blogspot.com/search/label/Miracles>
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Continuationism>
- <http://www.scholarscorner.com/Critical/Cessation>
- [http://www.comereason.org/phil\\_qstn/phi060.asp](http://www.comereason.org/phil_qstn/phi060.asp)
- [http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/christian\\_worldview/whats\\_a\\_christian\\_worldview.aspx](http://www.focusonthefamily.com/faith/christian_worldview/whats_a_christian_worldview.aspx)

#### Prayer Items:

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