

# Miracles of Jesus

that overpower hell

What kinds of power does hell have?

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The Gospel of Mark puts a miracle over hell at the beginning of its record of Jesus' ministry.

**Read Mark 1:21-28.**

What was the miracle, and why would you call it a miracle?

Look closely at verses 22 and 27. How did the miracle support Jesus' message?

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**Read Matthew 4:23-25 and Matthew 8:16-17.**

Sometimes we refer to Jesus as *the great physician of body and soul*.

How does that fit with his treatment of the demon-possessed?

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**Read Matthew 8:28-34.**

What does this miracle teach you about Jesus?

What effect did this miracle have on the local population? How do you explain that?

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**Read Matthew 9:32-34.**

What words from the crowd identify this event as a miracle?

What effect did this miracle have on the Pharisees? How do you explain that?

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**Read Matthew 12:22-29.**

What did Jesus do for the man who was brought to him?

What effect did this miracle have on the people?

How do you detect the devil's work in the Pharisees' response?

Jesus gave a commentary after this miracle.

What point did Jesus make about such miracles in verse 28?

According to verse 29, why was Jesus doing such miracles?

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**Read Matthew 17:14-21.**

Describe what Jesus did in mercy for that father and his son.

Why couldn't the disciples do what Jesus did?

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*Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. (Matthew 10:1)*

*The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."*

*He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

How could the apostles and other believers drive out demons?

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**Read Luke 8:1-3.**

What does this add to your understanding of Mary Magdalene?