

Evangelism Through the Miraculous

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I. The Great Commission

Matthew 28:18-20 go and make disciples of all nations

Mark 16:15-18 go into all the world and make disciples; the signs will follow the believer:

- They will cast out demons
- They will speak with new tongues
- They will do miracles (serpents and poison)
- They will lay hands on the sick and heal them

Luke 24:46-49 you are witnesses of these things

- Preach repentance for forgiveness of sins
- Wait for the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 you shall be My witnesses when you receive the Holy Spirit

John 20:21 as the Father has sent Me so send I you.

II. How did the father sent Jesus? What were His methods to win people?

A. The Bible declares that Jesus is God -evidenced by the miracles He did.

John 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, " Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

John 5:36 "But the testimony which I have is greater than the testimony of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to accomplish--the very works that I do--testify about Me, that the Father has sent Me.

John 7:31 But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, " When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than those which this man has, will He?"

John 10:37-38 "If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me; but if I do them, though you do not believe Me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father."

John 11:47-48 Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened a council, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is performing many signs. If we let Him go on like this, all men will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

John 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not believing in Him.

John 14:10-11 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise believe because of the works themselves.

Acts 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

Acts 10:38 "You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

B. The gospel of John reveals the methods of Jesus.

John 1:47-49 with that Nathaniel - He had revelation - he saw him under a fig tree.

John 2:1-11 He turned the water into wine; consequently His disciples believed in Him.

John 2:23 many believed in Him - beholding His signs.

John 4:7-29 woman at the well - word of knowledge - she had five husbands and was living with a man

John 4:46-54 healing of the noble man's son - consequently the man and his household believed.

John 5:30-36 the works the father has given bears witness of Me.

John 6:2 multitudes followed Jesus because of the miracles.

John 7:31 when Christ shall come - He will not perform more signs than those of this man, will he?

John 9 - healing of the man born blind

John 11 raising Lazarus from the dead - many more believed in Jesus because of Lazarus.

III. Jesus sends out His disciples

Mark 6:7-13 the apostles

They cast out demons and heal the sick.

Luke 10:1-20 The 70

We also cast out demons and heal the sick.

IV. Methods of the New Testament church

Acts 2:5-12 the day of Pentecost - 3,000 people are saved after being amazed at what they saw.

Acts 3:1-10 Peter and John heal the lame man - many believe, the number growing to over 5000 men

Acts 4:27-31 their prayer is for signs and wonders to be given when they preach.

Acts 9:32-35 a bedridden man is healed - all in Lydda turned to the Lord

Acts 9:36-23 Tabitha raised from the dead - many in Joppa believed

Acts 13:8-12 Elymus the magician opposes Paul and is struck with blindness - even the proconsul is amazed.

Acts 14:8-10 healing of the man lame from birth - 11-18 a riot occurs because they believe Paul and Barnabas to be gods

V. Conclusion:

Jesus won the multitude through the miraculous and so did the New Testament church. We have the same commission, same Lord, same authority to make disciples of all nations. We are to use the gifts of the Spirit in evangelism.