

# Our Scripture is Jewish

Messianic Miracles

# Goals of Class

- Review 4 miracles of Jesus and study them in context of culture
- Deepen our Faith and the character and person of Jesus

# Review

- Introduced to different groups prevalent in the NT
  - Sadducees
    - Upper class
    - Maintenance of the temple
    - High Priest of this class
  - Pharisees
    - Readily accepted by most people especially in rural areas
    - Desire to maintain purity markers of the Jewish nation
    - Extended their personal view of purity to others

# Messianic Miracles

- Primarily espoused by Dr. Arnold Fruchtenbaum
- Derived from Mishnah and Talmudic sources
- At the time of first century, it was the Oral Law,
  - Which was finally written down about 200 CE
- Certain miracles anyone could do, and they did occur
  - Moses
  - Elijah
  - Elisha

# 4 Messianic Miracles

- Healing of a Jewish Leper ( caused by sin)
- Casting out of Dumb Demon ( needed to know name to cast out)
- Healing a Man born blind ( physical defect from birth a curse from God)
- Raising someone Dead for more than 3 days ( soul lingered for 3 days)

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# Old Testament Examples

- Moses at burning bush ( immediately healed)
  - Miriam after criticizing Moses ( immediately healed)
  - King Uzziah after unlawful incense ( died )
  - Naaman – Gentile cleansed by Elisha
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- Lev 13-14 laws concerning leprosy and ritual for cleansing
  - Unlikely to be the same as Hansen's Dieses

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- <sup>17</sup> One day He was teaching; and there were **some Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem;** and the power of the Lord was *present* for Him to perform healing.

# Casting out a Demon

- Mark 5: 9 And He was asking him, **“What is your name?”** And he \*said to Him, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” <sup>10</sup> And he *began* to implore Him earnestly not to send them out of the country.

# Mute Demon

- Mat 12:22 Then a demon-possessed man *who was* **blind and mute** was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. <sup>23</sup> All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, **“This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?”** <sup>24</sup> But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, “This man casts out demons only by Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”
- <sup>25</sup> And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, “Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand. <sup>26</sup> If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then will his kingdom stand? <sup>27</sup> If I by Beelzebul cast out demons, **by whom do your sons cast *them* out?** For this reason they will be your judges. <sup>28</sup> But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong *man*? And then he will plunder his house.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Instance

- Mark 9:14 When they came *back* to the disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and *some* scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Him, they were amazed and *began* running up to greet Him. <sup>16</sup> And He asked them, “What are you discussing with them?” <sup>17</sup> And one of the crowd answered Him, “Teacher, I brought You my son, **possessed with a spirit which makes him mute**; <sup>18</sup> and [k] whenever it seizes him, it [l] slams him *to the ground* and he foams *at the mouth*, and grinds his teeth and [m] stiffens out. I told Your disciples to cast it out, and they could not *do it*.” <sup>19</sup> And He \*answered them and \*said, “O unbelieving generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!” <sup>20</sup> They brought [n] the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he *began* rolling around and foaming *at the mouth*. <sup>21</sup> And He asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup> It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!” <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “‘If You can?’ All things are possible to him who believes.” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” <sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was [o] rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You deaf and mute spirit, I [p] command you, come out of him and do not enter him [q] again.” <sup>26</sup> After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most of *them* said, “He is dead!” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. <sup>28</sup> When He came into *the house*, His disciples *began* questioning Him privately, “**Why could we not drive it out?**” <sup>29</sup> And He said to them, “**This kind** cannot come out by anything but prayer.”

# Heal Man Born Blind

- John 9:1 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And His disciples asked Him, “**Rabbi, who sinned**, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, “*It was neither that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it was* so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world.”
- “*He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation.*” (Exodus 34:7b)
- “*Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I the Lord?*” (Exodus 4:11)

# The Healing

- <sup>6</sup> When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and **made clay** of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, <sup>7</sup> and said to him, “Go, wash in **the pool of Siloam**” (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came *away* seeing.
- <sup>8</sup> Therefore the neighbors, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” <sup>9</sup> Others were saying, “This is he,” *still* others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” [a] He kept saying, “I am the one.” <sup>10</sup> So they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” <sup>11</sup> He answered, “The man who is called Jesus made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” <sup>12</sup> They said to him, “Where is He?” He said, “I do not know.”

# First Interrogation

- <sup>13</sup> They brought [c]the man who was previously blind to the Pharisees. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath on the day that Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees also were asking him again how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied mud to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” <sup>16</sup> Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “**This man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath.**” But others were saying, “**How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?**” And there was dissension among them. <sup>17</sup> So they \*said again to the man who was blind, “What do you say about Him, since He opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

# Parents Interrogation

- <sup>18</sup> The Jews then did not believe *it* about him, that he had been blind and had received sight, until they called the parents of the very one who had received his sight, <sup>19</sup> and they questioned them, saying, **“Is this your son, who you say was born blind?”** Then how does he now see?” <sup>20</sup> His parents then answered and said, **“We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; <sup>21</sup> but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know.** Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” <sup>22</sup> His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already reached the decision that if anyone confessed Him to be Christ, he was to be **excommunicated from the synagogue.** <sup>23</sup> *It was* for this reason *that* his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

## 2nd Interrogation

- <sup>24</sup> So for a second time they summoned the man who had been blind, and said to him, “Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner.” <sup>25</sup> He then answered, “Whether He is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that **though I was blind, now I see.**” <sup>26</sup> So they said to him, “What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?” <sup>27</sup> He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen; why do you want to hear *it* again? **You do not want to become His disciples too, do you?**” <sup>28</sup> They spoke abusively to him and said, “You are His disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where He is from.” <sup>30</sup> The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is **the amazing thing**, that you do not know where He is from, and yet He opened my eyes! <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners; but if someone is God-fearing and does His will, He listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, He could do nothing.” <sup>34</sup> They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and yet you are teaching us?” **So they put him out.**

# Jesus Response

- <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had put him out, and **upon finding him**, He said, “Do you believe in the **Son of Man**?” <sup>36</sup> He answered by saying, “And who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?” <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, “You have both seen Him, and He is the one who is talking with you.” <sup>38</sup> And he said, “I believe, Lord.” And he worshiped Him. <sup>39</sup> And Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” <sup>40</sup> Those who were with Him from the Pharisees heard these things and said to Him, “We are not blind too, are we?” <sup>41</sup> Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now *that* you maintain, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

# Raising Lazarus

- John 11:1 Now a certain man was sick: Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> And it was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent *word* to Him, saying, “Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick.” <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard *this*, He said, “This sickness is not meant for death, **but is for the glory of God**, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it.” <sup>5</sup> (Now **Jesus loved** Martha and her sister, and Lazarus.) <sup>6</sup> So when He heard that he was sick, He then **stayed two days longer** in the place where He was.

# The Disciples Response

- <sup>7</sup> Then after this He \*said to the disciples, “Let’s go to Judea again.” <sup>8</sup> The disciples \*said to Him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and *yet* You are going there again?” <sup>9</sup> Jesus replied, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks during the **day**, he does not stumble, because he sees **the light of this world**. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks during the **night**, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” <sup>11</sup> This He said, and after this He \*said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going so that I may awaken him from sleep.” <sup>12</sup> The disciples then said to Him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will come out of it.” <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about actual sleep. <sup>14</sup> So Jesus then said to them plainly, “**Lazarus died**, <sup>15</sup> and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may believe; but let’s go to him.” <sup>16</sup> Therefore Thomas, who was called Didymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let’s also go, so that we may die with Him!”

# Journey to Bethany

- <sup>17</sup> So when Jesus came, He found that he had already **been in the tomb four days**. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about fifteen stadia away; <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them about *their* brother. <sup>20</sup> So then Martha, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him, but Mary stayed in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha then said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus \*said to her, “Your brother will rise *from the dead*.” <sup>24</sup> Martha \*said to Him, “I know that he will rise in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; the one who believes in Me will live, even if he dies, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, *and* He who comes into the world.”

# Meeting with Mary

- <sup>32</sup> So when Mary came *to the place* where Jesus was, she saw Him and fell at His feet, saying to Him, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> Therefore when **Jesus saw her weeping**, and the Jews who came with her *also* **weeping**, He was deeply moved in spirit and was troubled, <sup>34</sup> and He said, “Where have you laid him?” They \*said to Him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> **Jesus wept.** <sup>36</sup> So the Jews were saying, “See how He loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could this man, **who opened the eyes of the man who was blind**, not have also kept this man from dying?”

# Come Forth !!

- <sup>38</sup> So Jesus, again being **deeply moved within**, \*came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus \*said, “Remove the stone.” Martha, the sister of the deceased, \*said to Him, “Lord, by this time there will be a stench, for **he has been *dead* four days.**” <sup>40</sup> Jesus \*said to her, “Did I not say to you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they removed the stone. And Jesus raised His eyes, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. <sup>42</sup> But I knew that You always hear Me; nevertheless, because of the people standing around I said *it*, so that they may believe that You sent Me.” <sup>43</sup> And when He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> Out came the man who had died, **bound hand and foot** with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus \*said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

# Jewish Leaders Response

- <sup>45</sup> Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary, and saw what He had done, believed in Him. <sup>46</sup> But **some of them went to the Pharisees** and told them the things which Jesus had done.
- <sup>47</sup> Therefore the **chief priests and the Pharisees** convened a council meeting, and they were saying, “What are we doing in regard to the fact that this man is performing **many signs**? <sup>48</sup> If we let Him *go on* like this, all *the people* will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take over both our place and our nation.” <sup>49</sup> But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, <sup>50</sup> nor are you taking into account that it is in **your best interest that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish *instead***.” <sup>51</sup> Now he did not say this on his own, but as he was high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation; <sup>52</sup> and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. <sup>53</sup> So from that day on they planned together to kill Him.

# The Miracles demanded a Response

- Whether we understand these as Messianic miracles or just a set of miracles that Jesus did, they still demand a response as to the authenticity of Jesus as the Anointed One