

Sermon ~ Sunday, October 31, 2021, from **GOD**—Pastor D. Benoit and
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[Pastor is Teaching and Training on Sermon Preparation/Delivery]

Text: Matthew 14: 15-21

Title: “I Believe in Miracles!”

A *Miracle*, is that which causes me to “wonder.” I wonder how it happened.
I wonder Who, did it? I wonder, what cause it to come out like that? When did it happened,
I wonder? Where did it happened, I wonder?

A *Miracle* leaves you “astonished.”

Miracles are not ordinary. *Miracles* are “extra-ordinary!”

My conclusion – **GOD!** Only **GOD** can work *Miracles!* Only **GOD** has *Miraculous abilities,*
Powers, Energies, Forces! Only **GOD** can do, what no other can do!

“I Believe in Miracles!”

In our text, Matthew 14: 15-21... Matthew in his account of **The Gospel of JESUS CHRIST,**
presents **JESUS** as “**The KING of the Jews.**” But **JESUS,** presents **HIMSELF** as
KING of Kings and LORD of Lords!

JESUS proved this to that *vicious and lustful King,* who had married 9 times; who was
murderous (he killed *one* wife and *some* of his sons), in his quest for ‘*absolute power.*’
He demanded to be called “*Herod The Great.*”

But before he died, he learned that **JESUS is KING of Kings!**

Let me serve notice, for my Bible reads, “*Wherefore* **GOD** [I was taught, that anytime you come
to a Bible verse, that begins with “*Wherefore*” there was a “*Therefore*”]... so the verses I’m
about to read to you spoke of **JESUS CHRIST**—*lowly as a servant; submissive to* **GOD;**
suffering by hanging on an old, rugged **Cross,** *died,* was *buried,* but *raised* from the dead.

“*Wherefore* **GOD** also hath highly exalted **HIM** and given **HIM** a **Name** which is above every
name: That at **The Name of JESUS** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in
earth, and *things* under the earth; and *that* every tongue should confess that
JESUS CHRIST is LORD, to the glory of **GOD The FATHER.**” (Philippians 2: 6-11)

So, in this text, Matthew 14: 15-21... **JESUS, WHO is GOD works a “Food Miracle.”**

Notice, *The Cause for this Miracle.* *The Contribution to this Miracle.*

The *Creating in this Miracle.* And, the *Clean-up* after the *Miracle.*

I Believe in *Miracles* because **JESUS** worked a *Miracle* on me.

And as I look at this text, the reason why **JESUS** worked this *Miracle,* was not to gain *popularity,*
prominence nor *power.*

When you read verses 13 and 14 of *this* chapter 14, “crowds of people followed JESUS...” But if you read back in chapter 13, **JESUS** taught 8 *parables*, to *crowds* of people and to **HIS disciples**. **JESUS** gave to the *crowds* of people these *parables*, but **HE** explained them to **HIS disciples**. **JESUS** taught about,

1. The Sower, The Seed, and the soils (Matthew 13: 1-9)
2. The Weed and The Wheat (Matthew 13: 24-30)
3. The Little and Large—the Mustard seed (Matthew 13: 31-32)
4. The Leaven and the Loaves (Matthew 13: 33-34)
5. The Treasure and the Trading (Matthew 13: 44)
6. The Pearl and The Price (Matthew 13: 45-46)
7. The Seining (Net-Fishing) and the Sorting (Matthew 47-51)
8. The Receiving and The Responding (Matthew 13: 52)

It was after, such “*Teachings* and **The WORD HE** gave to the *crowds* and explained to **HIS disciples**,” that **JESUS** leaves by ship (verse 13) and the people heard of it, and followed **HIM** on foot out of the cities. Verse 14, “And **JESUS** went forth, and saw a great *multitude*, and was moved with compassion toward them... Why? They *heard* **The WORD(S) of JESUS...** Then the verse goes on to say, “and **HE** healed their sick.”

Point: **JESUS** never work **Miracles** for ‘promotional reasons.’ **HE** did not feed people to get a crowd. This was not a “Hot Dog Sunday” to *gain attention*. What it was that drew the *crowd* and *this Miracle of Food*, was **The WORD(S) of JESUS!**

I Believe in **Miracles** because **The WORD(S) of JESUS** worked a **Miracle** on me!

Remember, The Cause for this Miracle. It was those who were willing to *Hear* and *Listen* to *what JESUS said*. Question? *What is JESUS* saying to you? *Is it, Sinner, I want to be your SAVIOR!*

[*You are eating a lot of things, I can tell, yet you stay hunger! You choose day after day what you want, yet you are never satisfied! You have, what you did not provide, yet you are never content! Sinner, I want to be your SAVIOR!*]

John 3: 3, 5, 7, 16... Reads, “**JESUS** answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see **The KINGdom of GOD**. **JESUS** answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of **The Spirit**, he cannot enter **The KINGdom of GOD**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye *must* be born again. For **GOD** so loved the world, that **HE** gave **HIS** only begotten **SON**, that whosoever believeth in **HIM** should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

I Believe in **Miracles** because I Believe **JESUS’ WORD(S)**, and now I know **HIM** as **The Prince of Peace!!!**

See, the Contribution in this Miracle. Remember it was a multitude (verse 15) that the disciples wanted to send away. **JESUS** told them “You give them to eat,” verse 16. They said, “We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. (Verse 17) Point: *Anyone* (whoever they maybe) *other than JESUS* will never have enough! **JESUS** said, “Bring them hither to **ME**.” (verse 18)

I Believe in **Miracles** because **JESUS’ WORD(S)** teaches **HE** is a **PROVDER!**

See, the Creating in this **Miracle**. **JESUS CHRIST** commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass—**HIS grass**. **JESUS CHRIST** took the five loaves—**HE'S The CREATOR**. **HE** took just two fishes—**HE** owns all the *rivers, seas, and oceans* with all kinds of fish. **HE** looks up to Heaven, where **GOD dwells** and **HIS Throne is**, and blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to **HIS disciples**, and the *disciples* to the multitudes. (Verse 19)

I Believe in **Miracles** because **JESUS' WORD(S)** tells me, **The Earth is The LORD'S...**
MY GOD shall supply all my *need* according to **HIS** riches in glory in **CHRIST JESUS**.
And **GOD is full of Provisions!**

Lastly, see The Clean-up after this **Miracle**. Verse 20, And they did all eat
(verse 21 said, about five thousand men, beside woman and children), and were filled:
and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full."

I Believe in **Miracles** because **JESUS WORD(S)** are **Permanent**. Since **HE** feeds **HIS WORD** today,
and *my* physical bread is lacking today, tomorrow, next week, next year.
It's alright, because *I* Believe in **Miracles...**

Time is filled with swift transition, Naught of earth unmoved can stand,
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to **GOD'S unchanging Hand!**

Trust in **HIM WHO** will not leave you, What-so-ever years may bring;
If by earthly friends forsaken, Still more closely to **HIM** cling!

Hold to **HIS Hand** (to **GOD'S unchanging Hand!**) Hold to **HIS Hand**,
(to **GOD'S unchanging Hand!**)
Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to **GOD'S unchanging Hand!**

Covet not this world vain riches, That so rapidly decay;
Seek to gain the heaven'y treasures, They will never pass away!

When your journey is completed, If to **GOD** you have been true,
Fair and bright the home in glory, Your enraptured soul will view!

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