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Why are there so many miracles in the Bible and so few today? Does God still do miracles today? How can I receive a miracle from God?

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

A miracle is a temporary exception to the ordinary course of nature for the purpose that God has acted in history.

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WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

A miracle is a special act of God that interrupts the natural course of events.

Dr. Norman Geisler

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

A miracle is something which would have never happened had nature, as it were, been left to its own devices.

Dr. Anthony Flew

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Natural laws describe naturally caused regularities; a miracle is a supernaturally caused singularity.

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PURPOSE OF MIRACLES

1 To Display God's Power

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2 To Confirm God's Messenger

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3 To Confirm Jesus' Claims

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4 To Confirm The Apostles'
Claims

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5 To Bring God Glory

Now a man named **Lazarus** was **sick**. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

John 11:1 NIV

So the sisters sent word to
Jesus, “Lord, **the one you love** is
sick.”

John 11:3 NIV

God's love for you doesn't
exempt you from what
life can throw at you.

When he heard this, Jesus said,
“This **sickness** will not end in
death. No, **it** is for God’s glory so
that God’s Son may be glorified
through it.”

John 11:4 NIV

Now Jesus **loved** Martha and her
sister and Lazarus...

John 11:5 NIV

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus... so He immediately dropped everything He was doing and quickly headed back to his friends in order to end Lazarus' suffering.

John 11:5

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, **he stayed** where he was two more days,

John 11:5-6 NIV

and then he said to his disciples,
“Let us go back to Judea.” “But
Rabbi,” they said, “a short while
ago the Jews there tried to stone
you, and yet you are going
back?”

John 11:7-8 NIV

Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world’s light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light.”

John 11:9-10 NIV

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”

John 11:11-12 NIV

Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly,
“Lazarus is **dead**,

John 11:13-14 NIV

and for **your** sake I am glad I was not there, **so that you** may believe. But let us go to him.”

John 11:15 NIV

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for **four days**.

John 11:17 NIV

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

John 11:20-21 NIV

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

John 11:23-24 NIV

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25-26 NIV

Do you believe this?”

John 11:26 NIV

“Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

John 11:27 NIV

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

John 11:32 NIV

Jesus wept.

John 11:35 NIV

Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”

But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

John 11:36-37 NIV

**“Take away the stone,” he said.
“But, Lord,” said Martha, the
sister of the dead man, “by this
time there is a bad odor, for he
has been there four days.”**

John 11:39 NIV

Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you **believe**, you will see the glory of God?”

John 11:40 NIV

...“Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the **benefit of the people standing here**, that **they** may believe that you sent me.”

John 11:41-42 NIV

Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

John 11:45 NIV

Trust in God's Power... He can.

Trust in God's Will... He may not.

Trust in God's Grace...

Either way, I'm going to be okay.

Keep believing in the power
of God's hand, the goodness
of God's heart, and the
wisdom of God's plan.