

UNDERSTANDING THE “ONE STORY” OF SCRIPTURE

Week 12 – Messianic Miracles

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Matt. 7:28-29 - *When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, ²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law...I continued in*

Matt. 8:1-4 - *When He had come down from the mountain (having spoken what we call the Sermon on the Mount), great multitudes followed Him. ² And behold, a leper came and worshipped Him, saying, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ ³ Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, ‘I am willing; be cleansed.’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, ‘See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.’*

Jesus’ miracles were also the evidence of His demonstrating His authority. Jesus’ miracles authenticated His Messiahship.

Matt. 4:23-25 - *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people. ²⁴ Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them. ²⁵ Great multitudes followed Him—from Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and beyond the Jordan.*

Matt. 9:32-33, 35 - *...behold, they brought to Jesus a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³ And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!” ... ³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.*

Isa. 35:1-6 - *The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose ;² It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel (CAR mel) and Sharon (Char RONE). They shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.*

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are fearful-hearted, “Be strong, do not fear!”

Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶ Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. What is the context? Is this Israel? Israel in what state/condition? In the future?

Do the verses we read previously connect in some way with Isa. 35:1-6? The miracles that Jesus WILL BE performing in the future – in the kingdom of God on earth – in the Millennial Kingdom - He performed during His first coming! WHY?

What's with Jesus teaching "the gospel of the kingdom"? What's "the gospel of the kingdom"? The Good News that the kingdom promised to Israel (II Sam. 7:12-16) is at hand/is near since He Who will reign as King in God's kingdom on earth arrived.

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And, throughout the prophetic books in the Hebrew Scriptures we read of the kingdom promised to Israel! Let's look at a few verses as to how we know the kingdom of God will come to this earth...

Dan. 2:44 - *And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

Luke 19:43-44 – Jesus told His people that the time will come when their enemies would surround them and level them and not one stone of the Second Temple will be left upon another – *because you did not know the time of your visitation.* Whose visitation?

Matt. 23:39 – *You shall see Me no more TIL you say, 'Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord'* This was spoken by Jesus prophetically/eschatologically – re: future fulfillment.

Matt. 24:14 - *And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come* – spoken by Jesus prophetically to the disciples re: the tribulation.

Matt. 24:29-31 - *Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Matt. 25:31-40 – prophetic/future.

Why then was Jesus performing these miracles during His first coming? To cause them to recognize that He is the Messiah. God so desired His people to recognize the Messiah!!

Matt. 4:23-25 - And then Jesus' fame went throughout all Syria (Matt. 4:24) and the people brought to Him ALL sick people and those who were demon possessed... WHY ALL? Look at the wide scope of healing in Isa. 35:5-6. WHY demon possessed? Are we aware that Zech. 13:2 – describes the Millennial Kingdom as having no unclean spirits in the land - during the Millennial Kingdom?! Who's going to be bound in the Mill. Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-3)

What is connected with the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom – re: the truth that the MESSIAH will be reigning in the Millennial Kingdom? MIRACLES!! And the Jewish people in Jesus' day were MARVELING – and calling Him Son of David (the promised Messiah)

In Jesus' day many Jewish people were waiting and watching for the Messiah. There was great Messianic anticipation.

John the Baptist preached, "Repent for the kingdom of God/heaven is at hand." WHY? The King had arrived! The King of Whom John said, *Behold the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world.*

Matthew 4:17, 23-25 – *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'* ²³ *And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.* ²⁴ *Then His fame went throughout all Syria and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were*

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Miracles.... The ancient rabbis separated miracles into two categories. There were miracles anyone would be able to perform if they were empowered by the Spirit of God to do so. The second category of miracles was called "Messianic miracles," which were miracles only the Messiah would be able to perform.

Because of the rabbinic teaching that certain miracles would be reserved only for the Messiah to do, whenever Jesus performed a "Messianic miracle," it created a different type of reaction than when He performed other types of miracles.

The first Messianic miracle was the healing of a Jewish leper.