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The Authentication of King Messiah



Miracles have been seen throughout biblical history, but their greatest display appeared during the ministry of **Yeshua Messiah, the King**. Those miracles served six strategic purposes:

1. To introduce a new era. The first purpose was to introduce the prophesied **Messiah**, who in turn announced **the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the Good News (Mark 1:15).** The miracles accompanied **the Kingdom** offer and substantiated that offer **(Matthew 12:28)**.

2. To authenticate His messiahship. The second major purpose was to authenticate the messiahship of **Christ**. **His** works are a witness to **His** person as **Messiah** and **Son of God (Yochanan 20:20-31)**. They are the insignia of **His** deity and messiahship.

3. To authenticate His message. As miracles were used to authenticate **Messiah's** person, they also served to authenticate **His** message. **Christ** appealed to **His** miracles in **John 10:38** to substantiate **His** message concerning **His** oneness with the Father. **His** message was certified authentic by the miracles **He** performed.

4. To instruct His talmidim. After the rejection of **the Meshiach** by the Great

Sanhedrin **(Mattityahu 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15-16; John 7:20)**, **His** miracles were no longer public and became agents of instruction for the benefit of **His** apostles (**to see link click En – Four Drastic Changes in Christ's Ministry**). The miracles instructed them concerning **Messiah's** power **(Mark 4:39-41, 5:1-20)**, trust in **Jesus'** provision **(John 6:3-6)**, prayer **(Mark 6:46, Luke 5:16)**, and outreach to Gentiles **(Matthew 15:21-38)**.

5. To reveal conditions in the future Kingdom. A special purpose for which **Christ** used **His** miracles was to reveal the conditions of **the** future messianic **Kingdom**. The miracles foreshadow in a brief display the removal of sickness **(John 5:1-8)**, death **(John 11:17-44)**, disease **(Luke 14:1-6)**, and hunger **(Mattityahu 15:32-38)** in the Kingdom. The miracles also point to the joy and prosperity that will characterize **the Kingdom (John 2:11)** and that in the millennial Age, Satan will be restricted **(Matthew 8:28-34)**.

6. To display mercy. One final purpose of **Messiah's** miracles was to display mercy on suffering humanity. **His** mercy and compassion often moved **Him** to act **(Mattityahu 14:14, 15:32; Mark 1:41; Luke 7:3)**. **He** often healed in response to pleas for mercy **(Matthew 15:25, 17:15; Mark 10:47-48; Luke 17:13)**. **Christ's** healing miracles outnumber all of **His** other miracles.

The miracles of **Messiah** had varying results: belief **(John 2:11, 4:50)**, conviction **(Luke 5:8)**, discipleship **(Mark 10:52)**, emotion **(Mattityahu 8:27, 12:23; Mark 7:37)**, worship **(Mark 2:12; Yochanan 9:38)**, recognition of **Christ's** uniqueness **(Luke 7:16; John 6:14)**, and rejection **(Matthew 12:24; John 5:16, 11:53)**.