

# THE FOUR MIRACLES OF MESSIAH

In this teaching I will explain what the Hebrew people in days prior to the Messiah, expected to see to reveal the coming Messiah. I will reveal why these people missed Yeshua when He came, and how it relates to the new Pharisees of today.

Back in the biblical days prior to the coming of the Messiah, many things pointed to who and what the Messiah would be, and how the people would know He was truly the Living Torah. For centuries the Rabbis and Pharisees had taught the people that the coming Messiah would have to fulfill certain requirements to be accepted as the Messiah. He was expected to do specific things that no human could do. The people were taught to expect four distinct supernatural miracles to be performed by the Messiah. Yet, as we all know, after He did just that, those in religious authority still rejected Him.

## **THE FOUR TYPES OF MIRACLES REQUIRED TO BE THE MESSIAH WERE:**

- 1) The Rabbis taught that only the Messiah could heal a leper.
- 2) The Rabbis taught that only the Messiah could cast out a mute demon.
- 3) The Rabbis taught that only the Messiah could heal a man born blind.
- 4) The Rabbis taught that only the Messiah could raise a man from the dead after four days.

For some reason, prior to the coming of Messiah, the Rabbis had divided miracles into two separate categories. Those that could be performed by anyone Yah empowered to do so, and those reserved only for the coming Messiah.

Basically, what happened was that any of the miracles the Rabbis or the Pharisees could not do, they would simply tell the people only the Messiah would be able to do one day.

When we go back to the time of Yeshua appearing among the people, we must keep in mind that the Jews were all waiting for the coming of the Messiah. The Jews were tired of being occupied and ruled by other nations that kept overtaking them. They were anxiously awaiting the Messiah so that He could lead them out of this oppression. Only the Messiah could bring them salvation.

Whenever there was a possible candidate that appeared, the Pharisees would send spies to check him out. These spies went out to check John The Baptist because the people were saying he was the prophet that Moses said Yahveh would send. Other well know messiah contestants were Simon Martus, (the magician) Tiberious of Rome, (called the "Son Of God"), Simon Barcockvah (a descendent of King David), Apalonius of Tiana, and Mithra. An interesting note here; there is a religious group called the Mandaeans (about 100,000 strong) who to this day, believe John The Baptist was/is the Messiah.

The following verse explains that Yeshua's deeds and miracles, were that of His Father. Yeshua came to earth to perform miracles in His Father's Name. **John 10:37-38** *"If I am not doing deeds that reflect my Father's power, don't trust me. But if I am, then, even if you don't trust me, trust the deeds; so that you may understand once and for all that the Father is united with me, and I am united with the Father."*

So, whenever there was a miracle performed, the Pharisees would dispatch a group of spies to investigate the situation, always thinking in the back of their mind that this could be the Messiah. There was great anticipation in their hearts every time someone talked of a miracle. Invariably, the Pharisees were always disappointed because that



candidate would only perform one of the four miracles required as proof of being the Messiah. Then, all of a sudden Yeshua of Nazareth appears on the scene, and He is performing all kinds of great miracles. Being called a Nazarene was recognized as a despicable thing. Nazareth is not spoken of anywhere in the Tanuck, so the Pharisees did not ever expect the Messiah to arise out of Nazareth. Rather than embracing Him as they should have, they suddenly got jealous of Him. They didn't want the people abandoning their religious way of life to follow this man. They decided to kill Him in order to stabilize their personal positions in the religious system.

Yeshua knew exactly what the teachings were of that time because He was taught likewise. He knew exactly what to do to cause the Pharisees to inquire of Him. So He specifically said and did things to give them evidence of Him doing the four miracles that they expected only the Messiah to do. Now let's look at Yeshua doing these exact miracles.

**1) THE HEALING OF THE LEPER** The first healing miracle Yeshua did was the healing of a leper. The people knew that only Yah could forgive sin, and sin was the cause of leprosy. So if Yahveh was the only one who could designate someone as a leper, (through His High Priest), then it stands to reason that only Yah or the Messiah could heal leprosy.

**Mark 1:40-45** *And a leper came to Yeshua, beseeching Him and falling on his knees before Him, and saying, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." Moved with compassion, Yeshua stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy left him and he was cleansed. And He sternly warned him and immediately sent him away, and He said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." But he went out and began to proclaim it freely and to spread the news around, to such an extent that Yeshua could no longer publicly enter a city, but stayed out in unpopulated areas; and they were coming to Him from everywhere.* You can bet that the healing of the leper caught the attention of all the Rabbis and Pharisees.

**2) THE CASTING OUT OF A MUTE DEMON** During the time of the first century the Rabbis were the only ones who had the power and authority to cast out demons in the name of the Holy One Of Israel. I don't believe the Rabbis used the real name of Yahveh when casting out demons because they were afraid to speak the name. To do this, the Rabbis always had to ask the possessed persons demon what their name was. When they found out its name, they could cast it out. In the case of a mute demon,

this was not possible. The problem was that when a mute demon was known their method of deliverance wouldn't work because the demon couldn't pronounce his demise. Therefore the Rabbis couldn't cast it out.

When Yeshua cast out the mute demon spoken of in Matt. 12:22-23 the people got all excited. They knew that the only one capable of doing such a miracle was the Messiah. **Matt. 12:22-23** *Then a demon-possessed man [who was] blind and mute was brought to Yeshua, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"* Notice they said "could this be the Son of David", meaning, the Messiah. Why did they ask this question?

They had been taught that only the coming Messiah was capable of such miracles. In this case, Yeshua not only healed a blind man, but also cast out a mute demon, something that had never been heard of prior to His coming.

**3) THE HEALING OF THE MAN BORN BLIND** This was another miracle that the Rabbis taught could only be done by the Messiah Himself. They taught that no man could heal a man that was born blind. It was believed that being born blind was a curse and only the Almighty could remove a curse. When Yeshua did so as stated in John 9:1-7, it seriously caught their attention. At this point the spies of the Pharisees had witnessed three of the four miracles that only the true Messiah could perform. You can imagine their anticipation when they heard about the rising of the dead Lazarus later on. **John 9:1-7** *As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?"* Yeshua answered, *"[It was] neither [that] this man sinned, nor his parents; but [it was] so that the works of Yah might be displayed in him. "We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work. "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world."* (6) *When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went away and washed, and came [back] seeing."*

The Orthodox Jews at that time had the belief that only the Messiah would be so powerful that He could take something unclean (spittle), and use it for a miracle. This of course lines up with what John the Baptist said when he asked Yeshua if He was the one spoken of as the coming Messiah (see also Mark 8:22-26, Luke 7:22).

**Why did they ask the question about the man being born blind?**

They asked this because of what the Rabbis had always taught them about being born blind being a curse from Yah.

This should have been the icing on the cake for all the Rabbis and Pharisees. With this third miracle they should have known that Yeshua was indeed the Messiah, but their personal lust, greed, and need of continued control of the people was overpowering their wisdom to recognize the Messiah right in front of them. Then Yeshua puts the final preverbal nail in the coffin as recorded in **John 9:32** *"Since the beginning of time it has never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind."*

Here we see a verse that seems to back up the thoughts the Rabbis had been

teaching for all those years.

## THE BORN AGAIN CONNECTION

In the story of the blind man seeing we should recognize a theme that is very very important in our walk with Yeshua. Those of us who have been blinded in the so-called Christian churches, and even those of us who were once secular, have had our eyes opened by the Words of Yah that came in the form of our Messiah Yeshua. When we left the world, or the Christian Babylonian church, our eyes were opened and Yeshua allowed us to see for the first time in our lives. **John 9:25b** *"One thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see"*. This is a beautiful thematic connection.

Now we have seen three miracles that only the Messiah Himself could perform. Let us move on to the final one.

## 4) THE RAISING OF A DEAD MAN ON THE FOURTH DAY

The fourth and final miracle that was required of the Messiah to do was the raising of a dead man after four days.

**Why after four days you might ask?** Rabbis taught that the resurrection of the dead was possible if done within three days. Their belief was that the spirit of people hangs around the dead body for three whole days. After that period of time, because the spirit was no longer there, no person could come back to life.

Now lets have a close look at what happened as recorded in John 11:1-44. **John 11:6** *So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days [longer] in the place where He was."* **John 11:17** *"So when Yeshua came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days."* **John 11:39** *Yeshua said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to Him, "Rabbi, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been [dead] four days."*

Haven't you ever wondered why Yeshua specifically waited four days before He went to see Lazarus?

Now we can see exactly why Yeshua waited four days to raise Lazarus.

In the following verses we see Yeshua making transpire, the exact four miracles the Rabbi's said only the Messiah could perform. **Luke 7:16-19** *And fear gripped them all, and they began glorifying God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and, "God has visited His people!" And this report concerning Him went out all over Judea, and in all the surrounding district. And the disciples of John reported to him about all these things. And summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are You the Expected One, or do we look for someone else?"*

**Luke 7:21-22** *At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

Now let's look at **John 11:53** *So from that day on they planned together to kill Him."*

### **Why was Yeshua rejected by the teachers of those days?**

They were only concerned with their personal control over the people around them.

Even though they proclaimed to look forward to the coming of Yeshua, they did not truly want, nor would allow any person, including the Messiah, to interfere with their position in their religious society. Their greed, power, control, money, and ability to manipulate those under them was not going to be interrupted even if it was divine. In simple terms, they were jealous of our Messiah and refused to accept Him.

The people of Israel themselves, the Rabbis, and the Pharisees had the evidence that they had all been waiting for to prove that indeed Yeshua was the promised seed of David, yet instead of accepting Him with open arms, history records what they did. The Pharisees managed to stir up a few Jews to be false witnesses against Yeshua so that He could be dealt with immediately.

**John 12:37-38** *“But though He had performed so many signs before them, [yet] they were not believing in Him. [This was] to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet which he spoke: “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?” (Isa. 53:1)*

### **Why did Yeshua choose Lazarus to raise from the dead?**

Yeshua chose to raise Lazarus from the dead because Lazarus was a Pharisee before he became a follower of Yeshua. Yeshua was insulting the Pharisees directly by using one of their own people to prove to them that He was the Messiah, yet they refused to see it.

**Why you may ask?** They did so for the same reason many pastors in churches today don't want any truly anointed person in their congregation. They are afraid their own ability to control and manipulate their flock will be taken from them. Control, manipulation, and domination by any means other than the holy spirit is “witchcraft”. You do the math. There is no obedience to the torah so it is the counterfeit spirit that leads them (Acts 5:32). In order to have the Ruach HaKodesh we must be obedient to His Word.

Those Pharisees were doing the same thing back then that many of the false preachers and teachers of today's proclaimed churches are doing. We may see different colored suits on today's preachers of the word, but many are the same old Pharisees. Wolves in shepherds clothing, selling religion to people too lazy to read the Living Word for themselves.

They are fleecing the flock. They are unduly living off the money their church members are manipulated into giving them. The makeup of the Pharisees has not changed over the centuries, only their appearance. Two obvious ways of distinguishing the real shepherd from the wolf is whether or not they keep the true Sabbath, and whether or not they beg for money in their services. That at least narrows it down tremendously.

**Matt. 10:16** *“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so **be shrewd** as serpents and innocent as doves.”*

**Acts 20:29** *“I know that after my departure **savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock;**”*

**Matt. 7:15** *“**Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.**”*

## **SUMMARY**

As we have seen previous, nothing much has changed in the religious world today.

The preachers (CEO'S) of the pagan christian churches are as stiff necked as the Pharisees of old. They want nothing to do with those who teach the Living Word because they cannot make any money on the truth that sets people free. They are still in bondage to the religious demons that control their lives so how can they help others get set free? As we saw in the story of the blind man from birth having his eyes opened by the truth (Yeshua), the pastors in the so-called christian churches wouldn't recognize Yeshua if He came back in the flesh today and stood before them. They would not even recognize the Real Shepherd.

To sum it all up, many preachers promote denominational doctrine today above scriptural teachings so their flock get confused. People, those lazy people confused and ignorant, are depending on their preachers and don't seem to realize that deception and confusion are the basic principals these pastors use to make their living. These wolves tickle the ears of all concerned so they put money in the bucket of their church. Truth does NOT sell near as good as tickling ears. The only way to deal with these thieves is to leave their Babylon and have that personal relationship with the Living Word. We are to follow Him, not Them.

Years ago the Pharisees gave the oral Rabbinical teachings, the Talmud, and other man-made books priority over the Torah, while claiming to abide in the Torah teachings. Today we see christian leaders doing something very similar, selling non scriptural ideas and concepts that make money for the businesses they represent rather than teaching the Torah. The Torah is our standard, our instructions, our guiding light. Yeshua is the Torah/ Word in the flesh, let's never forget that (John 1:1).

*"Flee Babylon (Rev. 18:4) come out of her my people".*

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