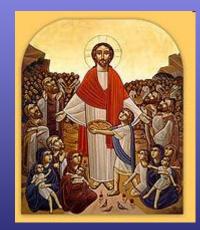
## 中 Our Lord Christ's Miracles

His Divinity Shown Through His Authority Over Illnesses and Demons

- Throughout the Old Testament, God raised up prophets, priests & kings from among His chosen people to serve & lead Israel.
- Many of these servants prophesied the coming of Christ our God, the promised Prophet, Priest and King.

#### **Prophet**

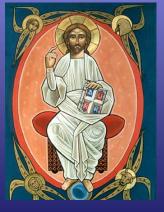
- In the book of Deuteronomy, God promised Moses; "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear," Deut. 18:15
- Jesus is recognised in the New Testament as the Prophet of whom Moses wrote, for example when they saw Jesus' miracle of feeding the 5000. Read John 6:1-14



#### **Priest**

In Psalm 110:1 & 4;
 The LORD said to my Lord... "You are
a priest forever according to the order
of Melchizedek."





 The book of Hebrews leaves us in no doubt as to Who this passage refers to. Read Hebrews 6:20 & 8:1

#### King

- The book of Jeremiah records God's promise of a coming King;
  - "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth." Jer. 23:5
- On Palm Sunday, Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble Servant-King on the foal of a donkey. Matt. 21:1-7
- On the cross, above His head were written the words "King of the Jews". John 19:12-22

#### King (continued)...

 At His Second Coming, He will come in His Kingdom. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords.



 So, we have a Prophet who is the Truth, a Priest whose eternal offering is accepted by God the Father and received by us, and a King who will rule and reign forever over His Kingdom.

- In addition to the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies, the important thing that points to Jesus being Divine (God) and different from anyone else who had come before Him were His miracles.
- In the Old Testament, Rabbi's had divided miracles into two main groups:
  - Miracles that anyone could perform if they were empowered by God
  - 2. Miracles that only the Messiah could perform

Of the miracles that only the Messiah could perform, there were three different types:

- 1. Healing a leper
- 2. Healing and casting out a mute demon
- 3. Healing a person born blind

#### 1. Healing a leper

Lepers were unclean and were the only type of people who could defile another person by coming into contact with them.

Read Mark 1:39-45



2. Healing and casting out a mute demon
Before Jesus came, no one could cast out a mute demon. So
when Jesus did this, people marvelled and asked each other,
"Could this be the Son of David?"

Read Matt. 12:22-24

Luke 11:14-15



3. Healing a man who was born blind Only the Son of God could heal someone who was blind from birth, as He was the only One who could give sight by creating 'new eyes'.

Read John 9:1-7

John 9:32-34

Read Luke 4:16-21

Verse 18: ....He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

Healing of lepers who were outcasts and could not live in the community

– Jesus did this!

to proclaim liberty to the captives,

Giving liberty to those who were captive to demons

– and this!

and recovery of sight to the blind....

Giving sight to those who were blind

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Giving sight to those who were blind

- This passage that Jesus read in the synagogue was from Isaiah 61:1-2. It was a prophecy of the miracles that only the Son of God could perform.
- These were exactly the miracles that Jesus performed as His ministry began.

These were not the only miracles that Jesus performed. Can you think of any others?

Here are some more...

Healing the paralytic man
 Mark 2:1-12

Healing a deaf man
 Mark 7:31-37

Healing the woman with a Luke 8:43-48

flow of blood

Healing the son of a nobleman John 4:46-54

Did the people around Jesus believe that He was the coming Messiah?

And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. Matt 11:2-5

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Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel. Matt 15:29-31

## The Role of Faith

Did those who request to be healed need to have faith?

When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. Matt. 8:1-3

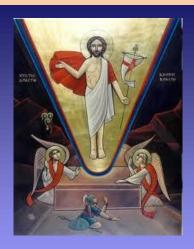
Read Matt. 8:5-13 & Matt. 15:21-28

## In Summary

#### The miracles Jesus performed clearly showed

- His Divinity
- That He is God's Son
- That He is the Messiah who the Jews had been waiting for (an through whom the prophecies were fulfilled)
- His authority over diseases
- His authority over demons
- That those who had faith and were willing, were healed

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Glory be to God forever and ever, Amen.