

MAGNIFICENT OBSESSION

Contrary to many people's impressions, miracles are not commonplace in the Bible. They are clustered around Moses, Elijah and Elisha and Jesus. Miracles were given as signs to authenticate the messenger and usher in a new period of God's Revelation of himself.



Jesus miracles shows us his identity, his kingdom and his character. When John the Baptist asked if he was the one who was to come, Jesus replied *'Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are healed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.'*



In terms of his character, they demonstrate his love, the miracles were always done for the good of people. One of the early fake gospels, the 'gospel of Thomas' does not grasp this. It tells the story of a boy Jesus making clay birds & then clapping his hands & them coming to life. Yet the authentic gospels tell us that even when hungry he resisted the temptation of the devil to turn stones into Bread.



Such sermons are out of vogue in our age and generally considered poor taste and based on a pre-enlightened theology.

Sermons stressing the fierce wrath of a holy God aimed at the impenitent hearts of men and women.



Do not fit with the civic meeting hall
atmosphere
of the local church.
Gone are the gothic arches,
gone are the stain glass windows,
gone are the sermons that stir the soul
to moral anguish.

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'Those people are alright.
They are really into that Jesus bloke,
aren't they.
Jesus he seems alright.
Where can I find him in England?
Is he in the yellow pages?'

