

## HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

### It's All About Jesus

Acts 3:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

Acts 1:1-2

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:3

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

Acts 2:43

- Acts 3 a lame man gets healed
- The apostles are thrown in jail and miraculously freed
- A husband and wife lie and both die for lying
- More miracles happen including passing under Peter's shadow
- Jesus confronts a persecutor of Christians named Saul and he becomes a Christ follower

### WHAT ABOUT MIRACLES?

Miracles can be a tripping point for skeptics. Some Christians may struggle with some of them. But embrace them fully and your faith gets stronger.

A miracle is an event which is not producible by the natural causes that are operative at the time and place where the event takes place.

- Miracles are rare . . .
  - Miracles are to be expected if there is a God . . .
- "If we admit God, must we admit Miracle? Indeed, indeed, you have no security against it. That is the bargain."*

– C S Lewis

- If Jesus is God then we would expect him to perform miracles.

### WHY MIRACLES?

1. To accomplish a task that could not be accomplished any other way. That was true of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We can be made right with God in no other way but through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.
2. To authenticate the message or position of the one doing the miracle. The miracles performed by the apostles caused people to sit up and listen to them. The miracles corroborated their message. It authenticated what they said.
3. To announce what Jesus' kingdom will be like. Miracles are a "breaking in" of the kingdom. Here is a glimpse of what it will be like when Jesus returns. There will be no more sickness . . .no more death.
4. **ACTS 3:1-11**

Then Peter said, "Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk."

Acts 3:6

It's all about Jesus . . .

- Our salvation is in Jesus alone
- We pray in the name of Jesus
- We live for the glory of Jesus
- We worship at the feet of Jesus
- We are becoming more and more like Jesus
- Every knee will bow at the name of Jesus

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:9-11

If it's all about Jesus . . . is my life all about Jesus?