

Welcome to the Sanctified Skeptic: Finding Faith Through the Facts

Day 4 – Can Miracles Be Real?

If there's a God who created natural law, wouldn't He be able to bend it too?

Miracles sound nice on paper...
But walking on water?
Multiplying bread?
Rising from the dead?
Isn't that the stuff of fantasy and fiction?

Or—if there's a God powerful enough to create the universe—
wouldn't it be *logical* that He could override the laws He created?

Let's start here: If you believe in a universe that began from nothing, you're already believing in something *miraculous*.

Science can describe *how* natural laws work, but it can't explain *why* they exist or who—if anyone—set them in motion.

So if God authored the laws of physics, He's not *breaking* them when He performs miracles—He's simply doing what only the Creator can do: override creation for a greater purpose.

John 20:30-31 (AMP) says:

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Miracles were never meant to be magic tricks.

They were signs.
Signals.
Interruptions of the natural to reveal the supernatural.

Whether healing a blind man or calming a storm, Jesus never did a miracle to entertain—He did it to confirm who He was.

God doesn't ask you to check your brain at the door.

He invites you to open your eyes to the possibility that **something bigger is happening all around you.**

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Devotional Scriptures (AMP):

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— Luke 1:37 (AMP)

“For with God nothing [is or ever] shall be impossible.”

Reflection:

Have you dismissed the idea of miracles because they don't fit your worldview? What if God wants to stretch your understanding of what's possible? Ask Him today to reveal Himself in a way that gets your attention.

If you've downloaded the devotional PDF for today, go to Day 4 and say this simple declaration and prayer with me.

Declaration & Prayer:

I believe God is able to do what is naturally impossible (Luke 1:37)

I am open to the reality of miracles as evidence of divine power (John 20:30–31)

I trust that God's signs point me closer to the truth of who Jesus is (Acts 2:22)

I welcome a faith that leaves room for the supernatural (Matthew 19:26)

God, I admit—miracles are hard to believe sometimes.

But if You really are who You say You are, then nothing is too hard for You.

Help me not to shut You out just because I don't understand everything.

Open my mind to what's real, and my heart to what You're doing—even if it surprises me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Challenge:

Look up one modern testimony or medically documented miracle (healing, deliverance, or transformation) and examine the details. (for anyone that knew me before my encounter with Jesus ... I would classify my testimony as a miracle of deliverance and transformation) ... but there are innumerable testimonies you will find compelling ... one of my favorites that aligns with the sanctified skeptic is “Lee Strobel” ... that may be a good place to start!

Ask yourself: What's more reasonable—that it was chance, or that God still moves?

Additional Scripture:

—**Acts 2:22 (AMP)** ““Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man accredited *and* pointed out *and* attested to you by God with [the power to perform] miracles and wonders and signs which God worked through Him in your [very] midst, just as you yourselves know—“

—**Matthew 19:26 (AMP)** “But Jesus looked at them and said, “With people [as far as it depends on them] it is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”