

How Many Miracles Are Recorded in the New Testament?

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Difficulty in Determining

- Agreement upon the exact number is challenging due to the nature of miracles
- Some are inspired knowledge and foresight but are not generally included in the list of miracles
- Some passages mention miraculous ability but do not give specifics

Miraculous Foreknowledge

- More than guessing
- More than chance
- Jesus knew Nathanael's thoughts when he was under the fig tree (Jn. 1:45-50)
- Agabus knew that Paul would be imprisoned in Jerusalem (Acts 21:10-11)

No Specific Details

- 1 Corinthians 12 has two lists of generic spiritual gifts: vv. 8-10, 28-30
- No example of each miraculous ability
- These gifts are not generally counted among New Testament miracles
- No formal or comprehensive list given in the New Testament

How Do We Count?

- John records Jesus' first miracle (2:1-11)
- John mentions the second miracle (4:54)
- God allows us to count the other miracles in the Book of John
- John gives how many miraculous signs?
- Combine the feeding of the 5,000 and walking on the water? John's last sign?

The Sufficiency of Scripture

- Summary of Jesus' miracles (Jn. 20:30-31; 21:25)
- No definitive way of arriving at an exact number of the many miracles and categories of miraculous gifts
- What has been written is enough for us to believe