

THE GREATEST MIRACLE

What would be your answer if asked what was the greatest of all miracles? There would be many different answers from different people. Having spent time looking into different aspects of Catholicism, the one that stands out to me, but other people may have their own, is:

JESUS RISING FROM
THE DEAD AFTER
THREE DAYS AS
HE HAD FORETOLD

My reason for choosing this one is:

IT PROVED TO
SCEPTICAL DISCIPLES
BEYOND ANY DOUBT
THAT HE WAS INDEED
THE SON OF GOD

When he first appeared to them after being entombed, many were sceptical human beings. They probably thought, how can someone who has died rise from the dead, or consider that the person they now saw was an identical twin or someone who looked just like Jesus? Jesus knew he had to convince them beyond question.

On his second visit, he did just that. He showed them the holes in his hands and feet made by the nails during his crucifixion and the hole in his side caused by a Roman soldier's spear thrust.

THESE COULD NOT BE FAKED.

After seeing these, they all believed he was Christ, the Son of God. Thomas, one of the Apostles who had originally doubted, knelt when he saw these wounds, saying, 'My Lord and my God.'

I then wondered how we knew that all the other Apostles were convinced. The answer was easy. All of them except John, died horrible deaths as martyrs when they went abroad to tell people about the message of Jesus.

When told to deny him, they would not do so. Even the one who lived was marooned on the island of Patmos for not denying Jesus. If any of them had the slightest doubt about Jesus being the Son of God, surely, they would have said so to avoid what they knew would be horrible deaths.

The main clue to me selecting this miracle as the most important was the wounds from the crucifixion. These proved beyond doubt that he had risen from the dead, an impossibility to us mere human beings. He was indeed The Son of God.

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