

Supernatural Miracles

Tabitha

Acts 9:36-41

A disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: was full of good works.

37 She got sick and died; they washed her and laid her in an upper chamber.

38 They sent for Peter.

39 Peter came, all the people were weeping and showing the coats and garments Dorcas made.

40 Peter made all the people leave, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body said, Tabitha arise. She opened her eyes and sat up.

41 Peter helped her up, he called all the people and presented her alive.

We don't know what he prayed; all he said was Tabitha arise.

The Widow of Nain

Luke 7:11-14

Jesus went to a city called Nain and his disciples and a lot of other people went with him.

12 When he came to the gate of the city, they carried out a dead man. His mother was crying.

13 Jesus said to her Weep Not.

14 Jesus touched the bier: and said Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

Jesus didn't pray, he simply said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

The Rulers Daughter

Matthew 9:18-25

A ruler came to Jesus and said my daughter is dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.

23 Jesus went to the ruler's house.

24 Jesus said give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn.

25 They put the people out, Jesus took her by the hand, and the maid arose.

Jesus denied that she was dead. He didn't pray to the Father or way anything to the maid, simply took her by the hand and she arose.

A sleeping Man Fell out the Window and Died

Acts 20:9-12

Paul was preaching. Eutychus was sitting in a window. He fell asleep. When he fell out the window, he was taken up dead.

10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.

11 So Paul ate and talked some more.

12 And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted.

Paul denied the fact that Eutychus was dead.

Paul didn't pray, didn't speak to Eutychus. He only told the people, don't worry about it. He is still alive. And Paul went and ate and preached some more. It was about midnight when Eutychus fell out of the window. In the morning after Paul left, they brought Eutychus alive, and were greatly comforted.

Lazarus

John 11:11-43

Jesus denied the fact that Jesus was dead.

11 When Jesus said, our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

13 Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly Lazarus is dead.

41-43 Jesus prayed, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus come forth.

Jesus prayed, Father thank you for always hearing me. What was Jesus referring to when he said something so that the people would believe that God had sent Jesus?

Part of Jesus prayer almost sounds like an apology. He said something so the people would believe God had sent him.

Maybe it refers to 11:14 when Jesus said Lazarus is dead.

Denying the dead person is dead seems to be the pattern here. I think Jesus was sorry he had to say Lazarus is dead.

Deny

1. Paul verbally denied the fact that Eutychus was dead.
2. Jesus verbally denied that the ruler's daughter was dead. He made all the people leave, maybe because they believed she was dead.
3. Jesus denied Lazarus was dead. He apologized for saying he was dead.

We seem to think that when we pray to God for a supernatural miracle, we have

to recite certain incantations, rebuke certain things, repeat old promises God has given us.

I don't think you can hold God to a promise or anything else. You can't force God's hand. You can't manipulate God.

I think you can know God's heart. King David was a man after God's own heart. You can know that God loves you and really doesn't want you to get sick or die. You can know that he delights in giving you good gifts. He delights in giving you and beautiful warm home, good car, loving spouse, supportive friends, super kids, smart brain, wonderful job, beautiful face and body, great health and overcoming the last enemy which is death.

Knowing that it would grieve God for Eutychus to die, Paul denied his death.

Knowing that it would grieve God for Lazarus to die, Jesus denied his death.

Knowing that it would grieve God for the rulers little girl to die, Jesus denied her death.

Knowing that God loves us and wants to give us good gifts, maybe we should deny that our home is too small, deny that our car is undependable, deny that our spouse isn't loving, that our friends are back stabbers. Deny stupidity, poor health and ugliness. Deny the cancer.

Instead like Jesus and Paul say, he isn't dead he is only sleeping.

Thank God that he knows the desires of your heart. After all he put them there! Know that God wants you to have a

wonderful life! Yes a big beautiful
house, fur coats and jewelry. Health and
life.