

Supernatural

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More than Magic tricks

Acts 8:9-25

A man named Simon had been a sorcerer there for many years, amazing the people of Samaria and claiming to be someone great. Everyone, from the least to the greatest, often spoke of him as “the Great One—the Power of God.” They listened closely to him because for a long time he had astounded them with his magic.

But now the people believed Philip’s message of Good News concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. As a result, many men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself believed and was baptized. He began following Philip wherever he went, and he was amazed by the signs and great miracles Philip performed.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had accepted God’s message, they sent Peter and John there. As soon as they arrived, they prayed for these new believers to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands upon these believers, and they received the Holy Spirit.

When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. “Let me have this power, too,” he exclaimed, “so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!”

But Peter replied, “May your money be destroyed with you for thinking God’s gift can be bought! You can have no part in this, for your heart is not right with God. Repent of your wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive your evil thoughts, for I can see that you are full of bitter jealousy and are held captive by sin.”

“Pray to the Lord for me,” Simon exclaimed, “that these terrible things you’ve said won’t happen to me!”

1) _____ 1

2) _____ 2

3) _____ 3

What is the Supernatural?

Online Dictionary

(of a manifestation or event) attributed to some force beyond scientific understanding or the laws of nature.

Miracles

When God's Kingdom, which is spiritual, influences the physical world and causes manifestations that seem contradictory to the laws of physics.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

¹ Not for performance

² Not for sale

³ Not earned

Miracle categories

What kind of miracles did Jesus do?

1) _____ 4

2) _____ 5

3) _____ 6

4) _____ 7

5) _____ 8

6) _____ 9

7) _____ 10

⁴ Power over matter: Bread and fish

⁵ Power over molecular structure: Turn water into wine

⁶ Power over weather: Calmed storms

⁷ Power over death: Raised the dead (including himself)

⁸ Power over demonic: Spiritual deliverance

⁹ Power over nature / animals: Miraculous catch of fish.

¹⁰ Power over sickness and physical ailments: Physical healing

Why the Supernatural?

Matt 11:4-6

And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

1) _____ 11

2) _____ 12

3) _____ 13

¹¹ Reveals Jesus

¹² Kingdom of God coming into the earth

¹³ Restoration