Attested By God through Miracles Wonders and Signs

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"You men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, <u>a Man attested by God among</u> <u>you by Miracles and Wonders and Signs</u>, which God did <u>through</u> Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know; <u>Him</u>, being delivered by the determined foreknowledge and counsel of God, you have taken, and by lawless hands have crucified and put to death; and whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He should be held by it." (Acts 2:22-24 from Peter's first sermon)

Attested: from the Greek word <u>apodedeigmenon</u> which means: <u>having-been-set-forth</u> (as proof); to bring out, to show forth, to declare; to demonstrate, to prove; to provide or serve with clear evidence of, or for something; to prove what kind of a person anyone is with evidence. In context: the miracles wonders and signs performed by Jesus attest, and prove that Jesus was the promised Christ-Messiah sent by God the Father to be the Savior of the World from sin.

Miracles: from the Greek word <u>dynamesi</u> a noun which means: <u>a miracle</u>, <u>miracles</u>; <u>a</u> <u>miraculous-work</u> of power <u>through God's ability</u>! From *dunamis*: power, might, strength; in context: <u>supernatural miraculous works of power</u>.

Wonders: from the Greek word <u>terasi</u> a noun which means: <u>a wonder</u>, <u>a marvel</u>, an astonishment, an amazement; (a miraculous wonder, a miracle done to elicit a reaction from onlookers; an extraordinary event with its supernatural effect left on all witnessing it; whereby such reaction among the people are awed with wonder, amazement, marvel, etc.

Signs: from the Greek word <u>semeiois</u> which means: <u>a sign</u>; (typically a miraculous sign; <u>a miracle</u>), "given especially to confirm, corroborate or authenticate; and then emphasizes the end-purpose which exalts the one giving it. Accordingly, it is used dozens of times in the NT for what authenticates the Lord and His eternal purpose, especially by doing what mere man cannot replicate of take credit for."

The primary goal and purpose of the Father in sending His Only Begotten Son Jesus was to save people from their sins and the consequences of their sins. In accomplishing this Jesus was not only a man like us, but He was also God incarnate – God in Human form – even the Father's promised Anointed-Christ-Messiah. In order to confirm and prove beyond any doubt that the man Jesus was indeed sent from and by the Father; the Father performed many attesting miracles, wonders, and signs <u>through Jesus</u>. Please consider some of the following attesting miracles accomplish through and by Jesus:

- The Miracle of Water Changed to Wine: "And on the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there. This <u>beginning of Signs</u> (attesting miracle) <u>Jesus did</u> in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; <u>and His</u> <u>disciples believed in Him</u>". (please read in context: <u>John 2:1-11</u>)
- The Miracle of healing a Nobleman's Son: "So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where He made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. <u>This is again the second Sign</u> (attesting miracle) <u>that Jesus did</u>, when he had come out of Judea into Galilee." (please read in context: John 4:46-54)
- The Miracle of Feeding Five Thousand: "After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, <u>because they saw</u> <u>His Signs</u> (attesting miracles) which He performed on those who were sick. Then those men, <u>when they had seen the Sign that Jesus did</u>, said, 'This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.'" (please read in context: John 6:1-14)

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These miracles, <u>as Signs</u>, were indeed achieving some proof of recognition, of various sorts, for Jesus:

"Now when He (Jesus) was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in His Name, when they saw **the Signs** (attesting miracles) which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men (what was in their hearts), and did not need that any should testify of man; for He knew what was in man." (John 2:23-25)

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto Him, 'Rabbi, we know that You are a Teacher come from God; <u>for no man can do these **Signs**</u> (attesting miracles) <u>that You are doing</u>, **except** <u>**God be with Him**.' " (John 3:1-2)</u>

Then there were those, of His unbelieving adversaries, who wanted Jesus to perform some sort of specific attesting miracle just for them. But Jesus would not do so for them. Please consider these words of Jesus to them:

"Then some of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, 'Master, we would see a **Sign from You**.' But He answered and said unto them, 'An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a **Sign**; and **there shall No Sign be given** to it, except **the Sign of the prophet Jonah**: for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, <u>One-Greater</u> than Jonah is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it; for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, <u>One-Greater</u> than Solomon is here." (Matthew 12:38-42) (Jesus is the One-Greater!)

And again, "The Pharisees, also with the Sadducees came, and testing Him, desired of Him that He would show them **a Sign from Heaven**. He answered and said unto them, 'When it is evening, you say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red. And in the morning, It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening. <u>O you hypocrites</u>, you can discern the face of the sky; but can you not discern <u>the signs of the times</u>? <u>A wicked and</u> <u>adulterous generation seeks after a sign</u>; and there will be <u>no Sign given unto it</u>, but the Sign of the prophet Jonah. And He left them, and departed." (Matthew 16:1-4)

But for the great multitudes of people who came to see Jesus just for His 'touch' of healing mercies, the miracles were simply amazing, marvelous, wonderful 'Wonders' to behold:

"And Jesus answering said, '... Bring your son here. And as he was yet coming, the devil threw him down, and tore-at him. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, <u>and healed the</u> <u>child</u>, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all <u>amazed</u> at the mighty power of God." (see Luke 9:37-43)

"And great multitudes came unto Him, having with them those who were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and laid them down at Jesus' feet; <u>and He healed them</u>; insomuch that **the multitude** <u>Wondered</u> when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see; <u>and they glorified the God of Israel</u>. (Matthew 15:30-31)

"Then was brought unto Him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spoke and saw. **And all the people were Amazed**, and said, Is not this the son of David." (Matthew 12:22-23)

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And again:

"... And (He) came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the sabbath days. And **they were** <u>Astonished at His doctrine</u>: for <u>His word was with power</u>. And in the synagogue there was a man, who had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Let us alone; what have we to do with You, You Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are: the Holy One of God.' And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold your peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and did not hurt hurt him. <u>And they were all</u> <u>Amazed</u>, and spoke among themselves, saying, 'What word is this! For with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out.' " (Luke 4:31-37)

"And again <u>He</u> entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was spoken-about that He was in the house. ... And they came unto **Him**, bringing a paralytic, and He said to the paralytic, 'I say unto you, arise, and take up your bed, and go your way unto your house. **And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all**; insomuch that <u>they were all Amazed</u>, and <u>glorified God</u>, saying, 'We never saw it like this." (please see in context: Mark 2:1-12)

The irony of it was that, even though Jesus truly performed many attesting miracles, there were those who just would not believe in Jesus. Jesus had some harsh words for them:

"Then He (Jesus) began to scold the cities <u>wherein most of His **Miracles** were done</u>, because they repented not; ... And you, **Capernaum**, <u>who was exalted unto heaven</u>, shall be brought down to Hades; for <u>if the Miracles</u>, which have been done in you, had been done in Sodom, <u>it would have remained until this day</u>. But I say unto you, that it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you." (see Mt. 11:20-24)

Eventually, as His appointed hour with the Cross drew near, many people who had beheld His <u>attesting</u> miracles were ready to accept Jesus as their coming King:

"And when He had come near, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice **for all the** <u>Miracles</u> that they had seen; saying, 'Blessed be the King who comes in the Name of the Lord; peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.' And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto Him, 'Master, rebuke Your disciples.' And He answered and said unto them, 'I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out!' " (Luke 19:35-40)

Jesus Was Attested By God Through Miracles Wonders and Signs

Those Attesting Miracles proved that Jesus did Indeed come down from the Father ! They proved that Jesus was Indeed the Father's promised Christ-Messiah ! They proved Indeed that The Father and Jesus were One !! Indeed, they proved that Jesus was God incarnate !!

Lord Jesus thank You for the Miracle of my salvation through Your death on the Cross !! Thank You for the wonderful amazing New Life that I now have in You !!

Blessed are You King Jesus who indeed is Coming Again in the Name of the Father ! All Praise and Glory and Majesty to the Father and Son – Always and Always !