

Extraordinary Jesus

Let us look at four very interesting statements that Matthew, Mark, Luke and John made about Jesus:

- **Matthew 9:33:**
And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marvelled, saying, "It was never seen like this in Israel!"
- **Mark 2:12:**
Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"
- **John 9:32:**
Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind.
- **Luke 5:26 Amplified Bible (AMPC):**
And overwhelming astonishment and ecstasy seized them all, and they recognized and praised and thanked God; and they were filled with and controlled by reverential fear and kept saying, we have seen wonderful and strange and incredible and unthinkable things today!

Introduction

The four gospels declare something powerful about Jesus:

- He did things that **had never been seen**
- He did things that **were unheard of**
- He did things that were **unthinkable** – things that had never come to the heart of man.

1. Jesus came as an extraordinary Jesus!

a) Jesus came as no other prophet before Him, no other Synagogue preacher, He came in an extraordinary way!

- He was born of a virgin
- He walked on the water
- He multiplied bread in the desert at least twice
- He paid His taxes out of money from a fish's mouth
- He walked into a room, the door being shut
- He raised the dead – and He Himself raised from the dead

Jesus violated the impossible in every way!

b) Jesus is an extraordinary Jesus.

Luke 1:35 Amplified Bible (AMPC)

Then the angel said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you [like a shining cloud]; and so the holy (pure, sinless) Thing (Offspring) which shall be born of you will be called the Son of God.

It sounds almost wrong that the angel chose a word like “**Thing**” to describe Jesus. However, how do you describe someone who is like nothing ever seen, ever heard of or ever thought of? The truth is that human words could not properly describe the uniqueness of Jesus.

The Old Testament ‘Manna’ was a type of Jesus:

Exodus 16:15 - *So when the children of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.*

Manna literally means, ‘what is it?’ There were no words for it – exactly like Jesus.

Jesus is this bread of heaven, satisfying... but uncommon and extraordinary.

2. Called to walk in the extraordinary

1 Corinthians 2:9 - *But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the **things** which God has prepared for those who love Him.”*

Jesus walked in this realm. However, these things are equally prepared for every lover of God. This is all prepared for us.

- a) We can live in the mundane or we can choose to go for the extraordinary. Paul was one of those people who dared to believe for more:

Acts 19:11 NIV - *God did extraordinary miracles through Paul*

- b) To live in the extraordinary means that we will have to make a decision to be different from the normal, the regular, the mundane, the ordinary... to be a *new thing*

Isaiah 43:19a - *Behold, I will do **a new thing**, now it shall spring forth;*

There is a **new thing** for a new decade!

Conclusion

What a powerful blessing to know the real ‘outside the box’ Jesus! What a privilege to announce Him.

What an enormous blessing to know that we too, can live extraordinary lives and be extraordinary people in our callings.

Let us step into 2020 with this sense that God has prepared powerful things for us: things the eye hasn't seen, things the ear hasn't heard and things that our mind can't even properly conceive.

Let us believe God for the extraordinary in 2020!

Ephesians 3:20-21 - *²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Daniel 11:32b - *the people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.*