Acts 10:38-39 (NKJV)

³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

³⁹ And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

John 14:12 (NKJV)

¹² "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater *works* than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Acts 5:15-16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 19:11-12 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Acts 2:42-43 (NKJV)

⁴² And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

⁴³ Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

Acts 4:30 (NKJV)

³⁰ by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

Acts 6:8 (NKJV)

⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Acts 8:6 (NKJV)

⁶ And the multitudes with one accord heeded the things spoken by Philip, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did.

Acts 14:3 (NKJV)

³ Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

Mark 16:15-18 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Proclaiming the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:1-5, 17 (NKJV)

¹ And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God.

² For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

³ I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.

⁴ And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

⁵ that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect.

Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

1 John 3:8 (NKJV)

⁸ He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

The Purpose of Miracles

Miracles point to the Lord

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

Miracles are not the focus

Mark 7:35-37 (NKJV)

³⁵ Immediately his ears were opened, and the impediment of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ Then He commanded them that they should tell no one; but the more He commanded them, the more widely they proclaimed *it*.

³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Luke 8:56 (NKJV)

⁵⁶ And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened.

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (NKJV)

²² For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Miracles are not the whole work of God

James 1:2-3 (NKJV)

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

1 Peter 1:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials,

⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 John 5:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Miracles do not convince

John 12:37 (NKJV)

³⁷ But although He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

Confirming the Word

Hebrews 2:3-4 (NKJV)

³ how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*,

⁴ God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

Acts 2:22 (NKJV)

²² "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--

Mark 16:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.