

Short Poetic Reflections

On Some of The Miracles of Jesus



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CANA

(John 2: 1-10)

They have no wine:' His Mother said.
And suddenly the place was dead.
Though it seemed a waste of time,
When what was wanted was more wine,
The waiters, six twenty-gallon jars to the brim,
They filled with water at a word from Him.
But when the steward quenched his thirst,
He said, "This wine should have been given first."
And so the marriage feast went on,
And on and on and on and on.

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THE LEPER

(MARK 1: 40-45)

"Lord, if you want to,
Clean, you can make me."
"Of course I want to.
Be clean and be free."
So he looked at his skin
And it was clear.
And Jesus told him
To have no fear
But to tell nobody.
But he didn't hear,
And he told everybody
Good news he had to share.

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TWO BLIND MEN

(MATT 9:27-31)

Two blind men were led to Jesus,
And they cried, "Have mercy on us."
Jesus asked them, "Do you really believe
That I can make you see,"
And the two men said,
'Yes, with a word from Thee".
He touched their eyes
And they could see
And they spread the news about Jesus
Throughout the whole county.

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DAUGHTER OF JAIRUS

(MARK 5: 21-43)

"Your daughter is dead."

That's what they said.

"Don't trouble the Master further."

But Jesus said, "Don't be afraid ,

For the little maid

Is just waiting

For me to call her."

And they laughed at him then¹,

And were quite amazed when

The little girl spoke to her father.

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THE PARALYTIC

(Mark 2: 1-12)

The house was crowded,
And they could not get in.
So they went to the roof top
And made an opening.
They let their friend down
In front of the Master
Who forgave him his sin
Before telling him,
"Pick up your mat,
You are healthy and trim."
He picked up his mat
And went out through the door
Where he was met
By his faithful friends four.

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THE TEN LEPERS

(LUKE 17: 11-19)

All had the dreaded skin disease.
They made a group of t ten.
They had heard Jesus had cured others.
So would he not cure them
They made their way to Jesus,
Each hoping in his heart
That the Lord would work a miracle
And give life a new start.
Jesus sent them to the priest
Who could declare them clean;
But one, when he saw the was cured
Returned to thank Our Blessed Lord
Jesus was quite pleased
With this man's attitude
And wondered why
He was the only one
To express his gratitude.

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THE BLIND MAN IN JERICHO

(LUKE 19:35-45)

When he was told
That Jesus of Nazareth was passing by
He was quite bold:
“Son of David, have piety!” was his loud cry
The people told him not to shout
But he was sure he was not about
To lose the opportunity.
So he shouted with impunity:
“Son of David have piety on me.
Give me back my sight. Let me see.”
Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here."
Then the crowd said.
"He calls you. Have no fear."
So he threw off his cloak
And before Jesus stood
He said “Master, let me see again,
And I will be good.”
"Your faith has saved you," Jesus replied,
"You can see again."
The man saw there and then,
And with relief, sighed.

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THE WOMAN WITH THE ISSUE OF BLOOD

(MARK 4: 25-34)

“I won’t have to do too much.
I just have his garment to touch,
And I will be cured.”
She pushed through the crowd
To get near him,
She touched his tunic
And felt healed within.
And her health was restored.
And when Jesus asked, “Who touched me?”
His disciples wondered why he did not see
That all around were close to him.
But Jesus persisted, and he insisted
That someone had in touch really been.
Then the woman came forward
And said, “I am the one, Lord.
I touched you. and now I am free.”
And Jesus replied, “Bless you, my child,
Because you had faith in me.

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THE SON OF THE WIDOW OF NAIM

(Luke 7:11-17)

It was near the gate
Of a town called Naim
That something happened
That would bring it fame.
A very young man
Was being carried out
On the way to his burial,
There was no doubt.
His mother a widow
Walked grieving behind
And no solace was she
Able to find.
Jesus stopped the group,
Told the boy to arise,
Gave him back to his mother
Who was filled with surprise.
The crowd stood in awe,
"He's a prophet," they said,
Why he has just raised
This young man from the dead.

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THE CALMING OF I F H E STORM

(Mark 5: 35-41)

Jesus was with his disciples
On board their fishing ship
When a sudden gale force hit them
And the boat began to dip.
But Jesus in the stern
Was very sound asleep
So the disciples awoke him, crying
"We are headed for the deep."
Jesus then spoke to the wind
And whispered to the sea,
And a great calm occurred
That everyone could see.
And they said to one another,
"What do you have to say
Who is this very special man
That the winds and sea obey?"

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THE MAN WITH THE WITHERED HAND

(MARK 3: 1-6)

Jesus was in a synagogue
On a normal sabbath day.
A man with a withered hand
Has also come to pray.
The Pharisees were watching
To see if the sabbath he would break,
And if he did so, they would say
"You've made a big mistake."
And Jesus, yes, he cured the man
And made his message strong
That curing on the sabbath
Could certainly not be wrong.
Laws were made to serve a man
And not the other way round.
And the Pharisees could not argue
His message was too sound.

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HEALING OF THE CRIPPLED WOMAN ON THE SABATH

(Luke 13: 1.0 -17)

For eighteen years
She could not stand up straight
But on a sabbath in a synagogue
There would be a change of fate.
For on that day in the synagogue
Jesus recognized her plight.
He laid his hands upon her
And she quickly stood upright.
But the synagogue official
Was terribly upset
For work upon the sabbath
Was unheard of, don't forget.
But Jesus said
"You untie your animals
And feed them on this day,
Was it not right to heal
This woman from her bonds
And set her free today?"

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The Epileptic Demonic

(Luke 9:17-43)

Jesus came down from the mountain
And was met by a very big crowd.
And one man then came forward
Stood before Jesus and then bowed
He cried and then begged Jesus
To cure his only child,
A boy beset by a spirit
Which made him act quite wild.
He would go into convulsions
And then foam at the mouth.
And when the spirit left him.
The boy was all worn out.
I asked your faithful disciples
To see what they could do,
But all that they' could tell me
Is that I really should ask you.
Jesus rebuked the spirit
And cured the man's young boy.
He gave him back to his father
Who received him with great joy.

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THE CENTURION'S SERVANT

(Matt 8:5-13)

Jesus was taken by surprise
He could hardly believe his ears and eyes
When on entering Capernaum
He was met
By a centurion who had his mind all set
On asking a miracle from the good Lord.
“His servant, he said, was -at home paralyzed.
But he felt that with Jesus he could be cured.
When Jesus said, I will come
And your servant heal
The centurion responded
There is no need, I feel
You may just say the word
And he will be fine.
You can heal from afar
This servant of mine.
Jesus marveled and said
What wonderful faith
And the servant was healed
At that time on that date.

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LAZARUS

(JOHN 11:6-44)

Mary and Martha were worried
Their brother Lazarus was sick
So they sent word to the Master
Lazarus is ill. Come quick.
The girls were in a flurry,
But Jesus was in no hurry,
For his Father's plan he knew
And it would please the sisters, too.
So he waited a few days,
Then announced Lazarus was dead.
The disciples were very confused
By what Jesus had just said.
Then to Bethany they went.
Mary and Martha were not content
Because Lazarus in his tomb
Had already four days spent.
They all gathered at the tomb,
And Jesus cried and then he sighed
"Take the stone away"
And Lazarus came out
Into the light of day
And the news spread far and wide
For all had heard that Lazarus had died
And faith in Jesus the Messiah
Was intensified.

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