

Questions Posed for Study

Question: How did Jesus escape?

‘How did Jesus escape the angry crowd?’

(John 10:30 – 33 & 327 - 39)

Intro: There are many instances in the Scriptures in which we are given a limited amount of information about an event or on a subject. Such as the rapture, we do know some things about this future event, then again God has withheld some specifics. God could reveal some answers to questions about Himself that He has chosen not to reveal. And so, *faith* is a big element in the Christian life, not so much what we know and have been taught, but the amount of faith we place in God, **Hebrews 11:6**. Think about this verse, we can do everything that the Bible plainly tells us to do and still not please God! If faith is not the modus operandi, of the Believer’s life, God is not [well pleased]. There is more than sufficient information about a vast array of events and subjects that exercising faith in God and His Word should be easy. To some folks, **Genesis 1:1** is beyond the pale, let alone the worldwide flood. And on we could go about other miraculous biblical events. A skeptical world, a faithless world, is a world in which to such folks, there is no God.

I. Historical examples.

A. We can look at other similar situations and see how God operated in the past and readily _____ how creative, imaginative and infinitely powerful, and Who loves to do the unexpected.

1. **In Genesis 19:1 – 12;** We find Lot’s angelic visitors _____ themselves from harm or having to deal personally with the homosexual crowd gathered outside Lot’s door.
2. **I Samuel 26:1 – 12;** note **verse 12**, Where were the _____? Fast asleep!
3. **Acts 12:1 – 19;** Their prayers were _____ and at first, they didn’t believe. Even though they prayed for Peter’s safety and deliverance. **(Hebrews 10:23 & James 1:6)**

B. We could say so much more about the things that God did in the Old Testament & the New Testament, that were miracles and _____ of His infinite power, and in some situations, were both creative and humorous. (Water from the rock, parting of the Red Sea, parting of the river Jordan, manna from heaven etc.

II. Jesus escaping from the midst of the angry mob. – **John 10:30 – 33.**

A. Concerning Jesus escaping from the midst of the angry mob, the Scriptures are _____, but there is a reason.

1. When the Lord reveals a particular power that is supernatural, whether as in this incident or calming the winds & the sea, it is to _____ and magnify Himself. These and other events were to authenticate Himself as the Son of God
2. If the Scriptures are silent as to certain details involved in a miracle, it is for the purpose of highlighting something other than God's power.
3. In this incident it was about Christ _____ His claim to being the Son of God.

Mark says it at the outset of his gospel (1:1).

The angel told Mary her child would be the Son of God (Luke 1:35).

John the Baptist said the same thing (John 1:34).

Nathanael said it (John 1:49).

Martha believed it (John 11:27).

The centurion said so (Matthew 27:54).

Jesus claimed that He said so (John 10:36).

Jesus clearly implies it in John 11:4.

4. An illusionist's _____ up his audiences by calling their attention to something that will deliberately capture their eyes with unnecessary details so as to fool them. So, he deliberately misdirects their attention.
5. God does just the _____, He will *deliberately* omit details that might be of interest to us, that could also become a distraction, causing us to miss the main point by focusing on the wrong elements/lessons. **Acts 8:17 – 22** for an example.

B. Case in point is the Charismatics and sign-gifts. They have become _____ by none other than Satan on the tongues issue in the Scriptures.

1. They have missed the fundamental _____ about tongues on the day of Pentecost. What was their purpose?
2. **Acts 2:5 – 13.**
3. God is still in the soul saving business and every time a soul comes to a saving faith in Christ, it is a *miracle* of new birth

C. Jesus did not want the disciples to merely believe He was the Son of God simply because He said He was, rather, Jesus wanted His Heavenly Father to bring them to this conclusion, based upon the overwhelming evidence of Scripture and Jesus's life and ministry.