

**PRAY****My Lord and my God!**

I worship you and praise you for all you have done in my life so far. I know you are a God of surprises and you have plans for me that exceed all my expectations. Open my eyes to the true miracles you work in my life, among my friends and in my surroundings. Amen.

**CONTEMPLATE**

One person reads the Bible passage aloud.
Short silence.

Exchange: *What particularly appealed to you?*

**STUDY**

1. Read YOUCAT text sentence-for-sentence. Then one person reads the text aloud in full.
2. Three minutes of silence.
3. Each person reads a word or phrase aloud (without comment) that he or she has noticed.
4. Explain briefly in the next round why you have chosen the sentence (e.g. memories, questions, etc.).

**DISCUSS**

Also discuss your own questions on this topic!

Treasure Book: *Take five minutes to write down what you don't want to forget.*

**CHALLENGE**

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**John 14:12**

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

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Did Jesus work miracles, or are they just pious tales?

Jesus really worked miracles, and so did the apostles. The New Testament authors refer to real incidents. (547-550)

Even the earliest sources tell of numerous miracles, even the raising of the dead, as a confirmation of Jesus' preaching: "But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you" (Mt 12:28). The miracles took place in public; some of the persons involved were known by name, for instance, blind Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52) or Peter's mother-in-law (Mt 8:14-15). In those Jewish circles, there were also miracles that were shocking and outrageous (for example, the healing of a crippled man on the Sabbath and the cleansing of lepers). Nevertheless they were not disputed by contemporary Judaism.

1. How would you define a miracle?
2. Have you ever experienced a miracle - perhaps after praying to God over something, and it happened?
3. Why was faith more important to Jesus than the miracles and signs he performed?
4. Imagine that you had been Mary of Magdala or the other Mary (Mt 27:56) - how would you have convinced the disciples of the Easter Miracle of Resurrection?

Search about your favorite saint or patron saint on the internet and find out what miracles happened in his or her life.

Tips: Research about Blessed Carlo Acutis and find out what he collected on the internet about Eucharistic miracles.

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