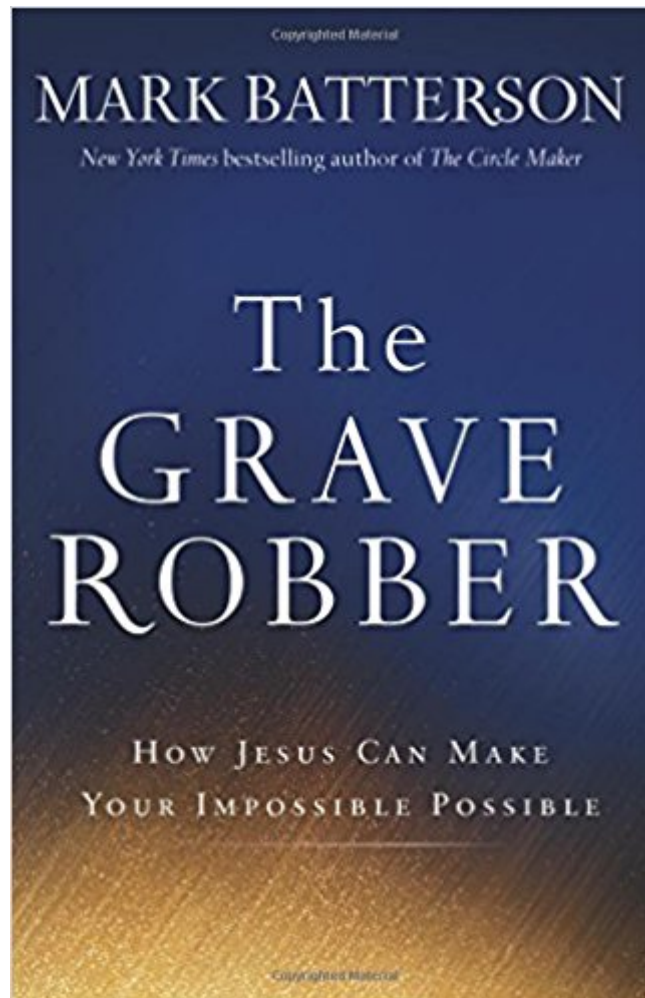




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The Grave Robber: How Jesus Can Make Your Impossible Possible



Synopsis

Do we believe that God still does miracles? Do we expect him to move in miraculous ways in our day-in, day-out lives? Maybe we'd like to see miracles, but it's hard to see past our problems. All that is about to change, like water into wine. "There are miracles all around us all the time," says Mark Batterson, "but you won't see them if you don't know how to look for them." Now the bestselling author of *The Circle Maker* reveals the incredible power of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. Batterson shows how they were not simply something Jesus did in the past, but something he wants to do now, in the present. He shares true stories of people today who are experiencing miracles in their lives. And he brings to light countless miracles, big and small, that we take for granted every day that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and yes, even raised the dead. But this is more than a book about miracles. It's a book about the only One who can perform them. Batterson cautions readers, "Don't just seek miracles. Seek Jesus. And if you seek Jesus, miracles will find you." Nothing has changed since Jesus called Lazarus out of his tomb four days after his funeral. Our impossible situations still double as God's greatest opportunity to reveal his glory. No matter how big the problem is, God is bigger still. Anyone who longs to see God work in miraculous ways today will love Batterson's faith-building, life-giving message.

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"Miracles are happening all around us all the time, but you won't see them if you don't know how to look for them." Mark Batterson, bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*, reveals the incredible power

of the seven miraculous signs of Jesus found in the Gospel of John, showing how they are not simply something Jesus did in the past but also something He wants to do now, in the present. Mark shares true stories of people today who are experiencing miracles in their lives. And he brings to light the countless miracles, big and small, we take for granted every day--miracles that point us toward the One who healed the sick, calmed the storm, and yes, even raised the dead. Nothing has changed since Jesus called Lazarus out of his tomb four days after his funeral. No matter how big the problem is, God is bigger still. If you long to see God work in miraculous ways today, you will love this faith-building, life-giving message. | Mark Batterson is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Circle Maker*. He is the lead pastor of National Community Church, one church with seven campuses in Washington, DC. Mark has a Doctor of Ministry degree from Regent University and lives on Capitol Hill with his wife, Lora, and their three children. Find out more at www.MarkBatterson.com.

Our impossible situations are God's greatest opportunity to reveal His glory. Sometimes it's hard to believe that God still does miracles. We don't expect Him to move in miraculous ways in our day-in and day-out lives. Maybe we'd like to see miracles, but it's hard to see past our problems. All that is about to change, like water into wine." In his fresh, engaging manner, Mark Batterson invites us to revisit the messages and miracles of Christ. I am thankful for this wonderful book. Our Christian convictions are only as valid as Christ Himself. Mark reminds us that faith in Jesus is worth the risk." --Max Lucado, pastor and bestselling author

"Mark Batterson shows us how to open our eyes to the miraculous and, in doing so, truly see that the One who walked on water and raised people from the dead is still working miracles today." --Rick Warren, founding pastor of Saddleback Church and founder of the P.E.A.C.E. Plan initiative

"If Mark Batterson can't convince you that our God still performs miracles, I doubt anyone could. This book is bound to stoke the fire of your faith, even if all you have left are a few weak embers." --Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, executive producers of *The Bible* miniseries and *Son of God*

Such a talented author! I have not written a review before. I just had to write that this author thoroughly explained, via the Word, "How Jesus Can Make Your Impossible Possible." I also believe that this is the best book written by the author to date. Such clear and easy explanations of the Scriptures. Such a great read. You will not want to put it down! This book will stretch your faith and get you moving to do the work you have been called to do and to continue to expect miracles along the way! I suggest that you have your sticky notes and pen ready to write down your favorite quotes.

I have not finished this book (starting chapter 17). I know I will read it again and again! I have already recommended this book and will buy copies to give to family and friends. Miracles are happening all around us. The author teaches us to recognize and be thankful for them. Don't miss yours! "You may be one seat or one phone call away from a miracle."

There are so many profound statements in this book that my Kindle Highlight sheet is almost full. Here are but a few: If you want the starring role, you'll miss the miracle. If you're willing to be an ordinary extra, God will do something extraordinary. If you seek miracles, you probably won't find them. If you seek God, miracles will find you. You are one God idea away from changing history. Joy is not getting what you want. It's fully appreciating what you have. The right words spoken at the right time can echo for eternity. It was love that led Jesus to the cross. It was willpower that kept Him nailed there. God is so good at what He does that we take it for granted! Skepticism is a predisposition toward disbelief that is prejudiced by past experience. You are someone else's miracle! We put Scripture on the chopping block of human logic and end up with a neutered gospel. One of the truest tests of spiritual maturity is seeing the miraculous in the monotonous. This is a great book as is *Praying for the Prodigal*

As a young Christian I was taught that miracles died with the apostles, yet we still prayed for the sick. In spite of this mixed message I knew, in my heart, that God still worked miracles. My getting saved is a prime example. If God can save me he can save anyone. Pastor Batterson reminds us of the power of Jesus. He showed us that Jesus does use us as a conduit to sometimes show off. In February of 2000 I was told that I had less than thirty days to live and I was past the point of treatment. Even though I was prayed up, packed up and ready to go up God worked another miracle in my life. Jesus once again robbed the grave. I may not be completely healed but I still look forward to the day I will be. This is an excellent book and should be required of every disciple of Christ.

I have yet to finish this book, but man, oh man is it GOOD. I read it a chapter or two at a time then let it sink in. I basically want to highlight the entire book! God is still in the miracle business and Mark Batterson gives plenty of examples not only from the book of John, but throughout the whole Bible, real-life experiences, people he's connected to, and from history. Batterson's attention to detail is remarkable. I love how he pulls in interesting and detailed scientific and mathematical facts about the amazing God of the universe and sustainer of life. I love his captivating writing style, and after

you hear a message or two of his, you definitely can hear his unique style of delivery as the words leap off the page and into your heart and mind. More than that, God speaks through this book loud and clear: Don't just seek miracles. Seek Jesus.

Thoroughly enjoyed his message, life stories, and style of writing! Also watched the videos available at Right Now Media and enjoyed the Holy lands where it was filmed!

In his creative and insightful exploration and explanation of seven miracle stories in the New Testament Gospel of John, author and Pastor Mark Batterson [National Community Church, Washington, D.C.], suggests many helpful implications as well as thoughtful and practical applications of each one. The book is very readable, enjoyable and motivational. It also glorifies our God "Who is able" [Jude 24].

Used this in our small group and also took some ideas for some teaching I did at a pastor's conference in India. It helped to think in terms of why John used these 7 miracles to frame the first part of his Gospel. We had some great discussions in our small group about how God calls us to a deeper dependence on Him as well as how we can accomplish much more than we even think is possible through being dependent on the Holy Spirit the way Jesus was. Very good read and lots to reflect on.

This book is so inspiring! Whether you are in need of a miracle, or just would like your faith to be renewed and encouraged; this is a great book that reminds us how God is still in the miracle working business.

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