

The Miracle that Never Happened (Mt 26:53)

We often read with excitement about the miracles of Jesus, but can you think of a miracle Jesus refused to do? One example is in Matt 12:38 where Jesus is asked by the Scribes and Pharisees, “show us a sign.” Jesus said, “No sign will be given except the sign of the prophet Jonah.”

We might also think of the time when Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness in Mathew four.

In Matt 26:47-51, Judas arrived with a great crowd, who were armed with clubs and swords. After betraying Jesus with a kiss, they laid their hands on Him and took Him. Then one of the companions of Jesus, that would be Peter, drew his sword and cut off the ear of a servant who belonged to the High Priest. In Luke’s account, Jesus picks up the ear and puts it back on his head. Afterwards, Jesus gave these words to Peter.

Matt 26 says, “Put your sword back in its place, for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you not think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than 12 legions of angels? “But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

TWELVE LEGIONS OF ANGELS:

How do you picture an angel? Angels in the Bible are often described as mighty warriors with swords. We see it in Gen 3. Jesus said His Father could send Him how many? OVER twelve Legions of angels. A legion is a word used by the Roman Army that means 6,000 soldiers;

Do the math. We’re talking about 72,000 Angels. How much damage do you think one of those Angles could do in a single day? In 2 Kings 19, the king of Assyria has Jerusalem surrounded. Verse 35 says, “That night the Angel of the Lord went out and killed 185,000 Assyrians.

If Jesus had given the word, these Angel warriors could have literally wiped out the entire human race.

I am Glad that Jesus did not come down:

#1. If Jesus would have called on those Angels, we would die in our sins.

Rom 6:23 says, “The wages of sin is death.”

Rom 5:9 “Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

Eph 1:7 “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

1 Peter 1:18 says, “You are not redeemed with corruptible things, such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like a lamb without spot or blemish.

1 Jn 1:7, points out that if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Heb 9:12, "It was not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

John said in Rev 1:5, "

"From Jesus Christ the faithful Witness, the First-born from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

#2. Second, If Jesus called on those Angels,

The prophecies given by the prophets would be unfulfilled.

Isa 53:5, "He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed."

Vs6, The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Vs 9, And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Zac 13:1 says, "In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity."

3. Third, If Jesus called on those Angels, the Old Law would still be binding:

Col 2:13, "Having forgiven you all trespasses, blotting out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us, He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross."

Heb 10:1, "For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect."

4. If Jesus called on those angels, we wouldn't have a church.

Acts 20:28, says that Jesus purchased the church with his own blood.

1 Cor 12:27 says, "You are the body of Christ."

Acts 2:47 says, "The church was praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to the church."

Close: I am so very glad Jesus did not come down from the cross.

Because if He did, we would die in our sins. The prophecies given by the prophets would never be fulfilled. We would still be under the old law and we wouldn't have a church.