

**40 For 40**  
**“#1 Miracle Foreshadowing Jesus: The Bronze Serpent”**  
**Numbers 21:4-9**

*“A miracle is a less common kind of God’s activity in which he arouses people’s awe and wonder and bears witness to himself” – Wayne Grudem*

**Every miracle has a purpose: Reveals God’s glory and strengthens our faith**

**READ Numbers 21:4-9.**

**I. People’s discontent (vs. 4-5)**

1. Did not acknowledge God’s power.
2. Did not appreciate God’s generosity.

*“They are more adept at itemizing their grievances than at counting their blessings.”*

3. Did not accredit God’s mercy.

**II. God’s Judgment (vs. 6)**

**III. People’s Response (vs. 7)**

*Confession, repentance, plea for intercession*

**IV. God’s Remedy (vs. 8-9)**

1. God provides a horrific symbol
2. Those who looked at what was lifted up were healed.
3. The saving power was a result of God’s mercy and not their merit
4. The destiny of the individual was determined by their response
5. Remedy was made available to every person

## V. God's remedy for us through Jesus (John 3:14-15)

### READ John 3:14-15

1. God provides a horrific symbol: Jesus dying on the cross
2. Those who look at Jesus lifted up will be saved

***John 6:40, "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."***

3. The saving power is a result of God's mercy and not your merit

***Romans 5:10, "...while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son..."***

***Romans 5:8, "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."***

4. The destiny of the individual is determined by their response.
5. Remedy is made available to every person

***John 12:32-33, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die."***

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