

The Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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"The Sign Gifts of the Holy Spirit" (Discussion Questions)

1. Please read Mark 16:17-18 What are the five miraculous Sign Gifts that Jesus mentions?
2. Why did the Jews need a "sign" in order to believe? (2 Corinthians 13:1)
3. Please read 1 Corinthians 1:22. Why did the Jews "demand" signs, but the Greeks sought after wisdom?
4. The Jewish law required 2 or 3 witnesses in order to accept a testimony. Please read Acts 2:22 and Hebrews 2:3-4. How did the miraculous "signs" "accredit" and "witness" to the message of Jesus?
5. Please read John 2:11, 18, and 23, as an example of this "accrediting".
6. Was the sign gift "speaking in tongues" (languages) in Acts 2:1-12
 - a. An "unknown" language
 - b. An Angelic language
 - c. A "prayer" language
 - d. Their natural language. The miracle was that others from other countries also spoke this language that day. It had to be of God. It was the witness to the Jews that this was from God and accredited the Apostles.
7. "Speaking in tongues" is also mentioned in 1 Corinthians 14, but there it is a teaching about this subject The actual happening took place only in Acts. A teaching about it would not be something new or different.
Can this happen today? _____
God can do anything that He desires, but it would require the miracle of speaking a known language that you didn't learn. It was also primarily for the Jews because of their Law.