



Grace. A rethink

- Hebrew: יְד
- Aramaic: tayb'uwat'ah
- Greek: χάρις, χάρη, εὐνοια
(No real O.T., Hebrew or Aramaic equivalent)
- God's mercy and power perfectly balanced and blended
- Situational and constant. Consistent and instant
- Addresses real unmet need and moves in power accordingly

• **Mercy in action! (M.I.A.)**

Jesus, M.I.A. (Mercy In Action)

- Wedding party, changed water into wine (John 2:1-11)
- Cured nobleman's son (John 4:46-47)
- Great haul of fishes (Luke 5:1-11)
- Cast out unclean spirit (Mark 1:23-28)
- Cured Peter's mother-in-law (Mark 1:30-31)
- Healed a leper (Mark 1:40-45)
- Healed centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13)
- Raised widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-18)

Jesus, M.I.A. (Mercy In Action)

- Stilled the storm (Matthew 8:23-27)
- Cured two demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-34)
- Cured the paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8)
- Raised ruler's daughter from the dead (Matthew 9:18-26)
- Cured a woman of an issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48)
- Opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31)
- Loosened tongue of a man who could not speak (Matthew 9:32-33)
- Healed invalid man at the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9)

Jesus, M.I.A. (Mercy In Action)

- Restored a withered hand (Matthew 12:10-13)
- Cured demon-possessed man (Matthew 12:22)
- Fed 5,000+ people (Matthew 14:15-21)
- Healed a woman of Canaan (Matthew 15:22-28)
- Cured a deaf and mute man (Mark 7:31-37)
- Fed 4,000+ people (Matthew 15:32-39)
- Opened the eyes of a blind man (Mark 8:22-26)
- Cure a boy who was plagued by a demon (Matthew 17:14-21)

Jesus, M.I.A. (Mercy In Action)

- Opened the eyes of a man born blind (John 9:1-38)
- Cured a woman who had been afflicted for 18 years (Luke 13:10-17)
- Cured a man of abnormal swelling (a/k/a dropsy) (Luke 14:1-4)
- Cleansed 10 lepers (Luke 17:11-19)
- Raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46)
- Opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 20:30-34)
- Caused the fig tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-22)
- Restored the ear of the high priest's servant (Luke 22:50-51)

Jesus, M.I.A. (Mercy In Action)

- Second great haul of fishes (John 21:1-14)
- Freed and restored woman caught in adultery (John 7:53-8:11)
- Restored and launched woman at the well (John 4:4-42)
- Appeared to the two on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)
- Converted murderous, hateful Saul into Apostle Paul (Acts 9:1-22)

• **Rose from the dead!** (Luke 24:5-8)

Jesus is M.I.A.
(Mercy In Action)

Our calls to action

Us: Choose M.I.A. (living expressions)
or M.I.A. (missing in action)

Grace: Comprehend it. Apprehend it.
Depend on it. Dare to believe.

Grace: Take today's handout
Dare to engage
Dare to implement
Dare to just do it

Grace: Trade all for it
Trade all for Him

Grace: Behold Him. Behold His glory.

Grace: It abounds in His presence.
Seek His presence, His face