NOT MUCH CHANGE

When we see and hear of people talking about their religion in terms we
don’t understand, we think it strange. While some look for a “sign of the
Holy Spirit,” others look for some order unknown to us.

Paul wrote, “For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom.” (1Cor. 1:22)
Even in the first century, people would rather seek something else or new
or different, rather than accept the plain teaching of Christ. While
sometimes try to come up with an answer for them, Paul would have none
of it. He said, “…but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews
and folly to Gentiles,” (1Cor. 1:23)

You have heard that you cannot please everyone? Well, it is true and has
always been. The Jews were not satisfied with the gospel of Christ in the
first century. They had heard of or seen Jesus perform miracles and
expected anyone from God to do the same. Paul had power of the Holy
Spirit and could have and sometimes did do things nor ordinary.

Remember what Abraham told the rich man in Luke 16 when he wanted
Lazarus to be raised and show himself to his brother so they would “come
to this place?” He said, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets,
neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

Nothing has changed where standards of authority are concerned. The
word of God is still the final authority. If people will not listen to God’s word
and follow it, they would not accept some phenomenal appearance of
something out of the ordinary.

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