

What does Yeshua mean when He promises that we will do greater things than He did?



Yeshua: "Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." John 14:12

Greater Things

This week I read a startling essay where the author was describing a deeply flawed but very supernaturally gifted person. He finished the essay with the following sentences:

He had the greatest prophetic gift I've ever seen.

He was the most abusive person I've ever known.

Tomorrow at our service we will be looking at the single verse above from John 14:12 where Yeshua promises His disciples that they would do greater things than He did. In the past I've thought about this verse primarily as a divine invitation into the supernatural gifts described in the Bible. While operating in the supernatural is something that God promises that we as Believers will do (Mark 16:17-18), as I looked at the verse this year I've come to a significantly different conclusion.

Yeshua stated that there would be many who would come to Him on the day of judgement who would try to validate their connection to Him by pointing to the channeling of supernatural gifts through them. Shockingly these "anointed vessels" will be denied by Yeshua when He states that "He never knew them" and Yeshua would point to the lawless nature of their lives. In other words they were seemingly successful for their witness but their secret life didn't match up with the Bible's parameters (Matthew 7:21-23). In another place, Yeshua also redirected His disciples after they returned from a successful evangelistic signs-and-wonders campaign by telling them not to rejoice that the demons were subject to them but that their names were recorded in heaven (Luke 10:20).

One thing is for sure, I don't want to fool others in appearing successful while being a fraud in the eyes of Yeshua. I'm looking forward to looking more closely at this passage tomorrow and hope that you are too.

