

“The Miracles of Jesus”
(Recorded by John)
Part 3

INTRODUCTION

- I. This morning, we are continuing our study in the miracles of Jesus that were recorded by John – the apostle...
- II. Last night, we acknowledged that John states more clearly - than any other gospel writer - the exact purpose for his writing the gospel account in **chapter 20:30-31**:
 - a. And as we noted previously, these words set forth the meaning and purpose of the miracles of Christ!
- III. We are looking seven of the nine miracles recorded in John: changing water into wine (**2:1-11**); healing the nobleman’s son (**4:46-54**); healing the lame man (**5:1-18**); feeding the five thousand (**6:1-14**); walking on the water (**6:16-21**); healing the blind man (**9:1-12**); and raising Lazarus from the dead (**11:1-44**).
 - a. All of these signs were performed *before* the crucifixion of Christ...
 - b. So far we have examined the first 4 miracles recorded by John;
 - i. With the water turned to wine, we noted that Jesus proved His power over the elements...
 - ii. With the Healing of the nobleman’s son, we noted that Jesus proved His power over distance...
 - iii. With the healing of the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda, we observed that Jesus proved his power time...
 - iv. And with the feeding of the 5,000... we noted that Jesus proves... That He not only has the ability to provide for the physical - but He concerns Himself chiefly with providing for our spiritual needs.
 - c. So far we have examined the first 4 miracles; and this hour we will examine two more as the basis for growing our faith in Jesus Christ – as the Son of God, and that believing, we may have life in His name!

BODY

- I. **Turning to the 6th chapter of John, we read of how Jesus Walked on the Sea (6:16-21; Mt. 14:24-33; Mk 6:47-52)**
 - a. Now, this event occurs immediately following the feeding of the five thousand...
 - i. **READ John 6:16-21...**
 - b. So... Jesus’ disciples had been rowing for quite a while...
 - i. ... But they’d made it only 3 or 4 miles across...
 - ii. ... They see Jesus walking on water... and once He gets in the boat...
 - iii. ... They immediately find themselves at the land - where they were going.
 - c. Now, there are some folks here this morning who were not present Friday evening. So... Let’s examine some more details within this occurrence by looking at Matthew and Mark’s account...
(GO TO MT. & MK, Tell story and APPLY)

- i. Honing our attention back to John’s account of this miracle. Consider how truly amazing this miracle was... The walking on water... The stormy winds were ceased... And the boat was placed immediately upon the shore...
 - 1. With this miracle, Jesus demonstrates... Jesus proves... that He has power over all creation.
 - 2. Paul spoke of that truth (Jesus holding the power over all creation) in **Colossians 1:15-18 (READ/EXPOUND)**
- ii. With this miracle, Jesus demonstrates... Jesus proves... that He has power over all creation. So the next time your faith is tested, when you find yourself in the midst of the stormy trials of this life... Let your faith in the Lord sustain you! He can calm the storm; He can get you through... to the other side!!

II. Turning our attention to the 9th chapter of John, we read of how Jesus Healed a Man who was Born Blind (9:1-41)

- a. **Go Through Entire Narrative, Expounding...**
 - i. Jesus proved with this miracle that He can illuminate the world!
 - ii. (illuminate... That simply mean... to enlighten)
- b. John wrote, **John 1:1-5**
- c. Jesus said, “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” –**John 9:5**
- d. Compare this statement with the one in which He gave to the multitude in **John 8:12.**
 - i. Jesus was distinctly aware of His power to do for the spiritual realm what the sun does for the physical world. Not only is He the *source* of spiritual enlightenment - which makes it possible for us to see the truth... He *is* the truth *itself*. The only true, spiritual enlightenment that we may obtain - comes from Jesus Christ and His Word... No other source.
- e. Let us learn the *lesson* from the dialogue in its context.
 - i. These folks who were in conflict with the Lord were... *religious minded* people who thought they were justified before God... But they were not. Jesus Himself sought to aid them in seeing their shortcomings... and yet, while all of the evidence was right there for them... They rejected the evidence.
 - 1. These people had much to work on. We see that clearly in hindsight... That all of the evidence was right there for them to see that Jesus *is* who He claimed to be - the Son of God... Yet they rejected that evidence.
 - 2. There is much evidence that many reject today as well...
 - 3. I deal with situations... and I present the evidence... And I see, as I deal with many today (even in dealing with brethren sometimes) I see often... That some folks are simply “married” to certain ideas and beliefs that (quite frankly) are NOT in harmony with God’s revealed Word.
 - 4. Are we humble enough to acknowledge... that maybe we can be blind to some things as well...
 - a. This isn’t your word...
 - b. This isn’t my word...

- c. This is God's word...
- d. So let's treat it that way.
- e. Jesus... CAN illuminate the world... He has proven that!
- f. *"And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."* **(John 20:30-31)**

CONCLUSION

- I. So far in our series of lessons we have examined...
 - a. That Jesus' turning water turned to wine...
 - i. Proved His power over the elements.
 - b. Healing of the nobleman's son...
 - i. Jesus proved His power over distance.
 - c. Healing of the lame man at the Pool of Bethesda...
 - i. Jesus proved his power time.
 - d. With the feeding of the 5,000, we learn that...
 - i. Jesus provides for spiritual needs.
 - e. Jesus Walking on water...
 - i. Proved His power over all creation.
 - f. With the Healing of the Blind Man...
 - i. Jesus proved that He can illuminate the world.
- II. The point is... Jesus proved His deity with all of these miracles. But along with that, We also see that there are some spiritual applications to consider as well that are clearly born out of the context.

INVITATION

- I. Jesus' desire is that you and I will be enlightened spiritually. Let us continue in our walk with Him in a way so as to allow for Him to do just that.
 - a. Remember the lesson for today...
 - i. Jesus has power over all creation... Yet He has given us free will. He gives us the choice as to whether we will obey Him or not.
 - ii. The Lord wants for you to succeed...
 - iii. And we are all very fortunate to have the opportunity *to do* His will... *this day*.
- II. If you would like to render obedience *to God* today, then we want to *assist* you in doing that...