

**“The Miracles of Jesus”**  
**(Recorded by John)**  
**Part 4**

**INTRODUCTION**

- I. Within this hour, we are going to conclude our study concerning the miracles of Jesus that were recorded by John – the apostle...
- II. Now, all along, we’ve acknowledged that John states clearly the exact purpose for his writing the gospel account in **chapter 20:30-31**: Actually, the gospel account according to John throughout- *really displays* the *deity* of Christ...
- III. But we are looking at seven of the nine miracles that are 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 6 miracles recorded by John; and we’ve noted various lessons to be learned along the way...
    - 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 over time...
    - iv. And with the feeding of the 5,000... we noted that Jesus proves He not only can provide for the physical - but He provides for spiritual needs.
    - v. With the walking on water – Jesus proved He has power over all creation
    - vi. And with the healing of the blind man – Jesus used that miracle to provide evidence of His ability to illuminate the world (to enlighten us spiritually)
  - c. With all of that in tow, let us now examine one more sign 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 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of John, we read of how Jesus Raised Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)**
  - a. **Read/Expound Verses 1-37**
    - i. Many of the tombs of that day were made from natural caves. Places to lay the bodies were carved out of the sides. In many instances, a track was carved out for a large, round rock to roll up and down in front of the opening to the cave... And the stone usually rolled somewhat downhill to rest in front of the opening. A small dip was hewn out in front of the door, and the stone would drop into this small depression. It would then require several people to roll back the stone should anyone desire to enter.

- ii. This is a tomb shown at Bethany which is said to be Lazarus' tomb. This picture is merely for illustration purposes, & not to identify this as the actual tomb of Lazarus (The photo was taken by Brother Leon Mauldin).

**b. Read/Expound Verses 38-44...**

- i. Think of powerful this miracle must have been - for those who actually witnessed the event. Try your best to imagine... When the stone was rolled back, the stench of death would have made its way out of the tomb... While the odor is still in the air, they hear Jesus command this dead man to come forth. He wakes up... comes out, healthy... alive... yet the smell of his previously dead body possibly lingering in their nostrils. What a powerful lesson: With God, all things are possible!!

**c. READ Verses 45-46...**

- i. So, even with the raising of the dead... *Many eye-witnesses* believed on Jesus, whereas *some eye-witnesses* did not...
- ii. The ones who would not accept Jesus... they could not deny the miracles that had been done... (that is to say... they couldn't refute the evidence); – Rather... they refused to accept their implications... They refused to accept and acknowledge the consequences. You see, if they had accepted the proof that Jesus *was indeed* who He said He is - the Son of God... then that would mean they'd have to make some serious changes in their lifestyle.
- iii. This was an attitude problem (on the part of those who were not convinced). This was not an evidence problem – nothing would have convinced them.
  - 1. ...Sometimes... we forget that there are people like this in the world today.
  - 2. Some folks are not willing to accept the evidence before them for fear because that would then mean they'd have to make some serious lifestyle changes.
  - 3. There have always been, and always will be- some who deny the proof that is before them. No amount of facts, or evidence, or logic, or argument, or whatever, will be able to remove their unbelief!
  - 4. ***“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 20:31 (NKJV)***

II. Let us all recognize, acknowledge, and agree upon what else Jesus proves here besides just... His divine nature. Jesus proves here... that He exercises authority over all life - and death!

a. Jesus proves His power (as the Son of God) over all life & death...

b. ***In verses 25-27***, He said to Martha, *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world." (NKJV)*

- i. Now, when Jesus says that whoever believes in Him will never die, He is speaking of the spiritual here... in that those who believe on Him will not ever die spiritually.
- ii. Jesus said within the text that the raising of Lazarus from the dead was done so that those present would see the glory of God... that they might believe that the Father had sent Him (***Verses 40-42***).

1. (Later - concerning Jesus' own resurrection) Jesus would express to Thomas, "... *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.*" –**John 20:29b**  
(Blessed are those who have not seen the resurrected Christ, yet believe... in the resurrection)
2. The apostle John followed the recording of that statement in the very next verse, "*And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 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 (NKJV)**
  - a. Jesus holds the power over all life – and death!

- III. You know, there are many people today who claim to hold the power of working signs and miracles...
- a. But have you ever seen anyone who *claims* to be filled with the Holy Spirit attempt to feed five thousand with five small loaves and two small fish?
    - i. You certainly have not, nor will you ever find anyone trying to do it!
  - b. Have you ever seen one of these men who claim to work miracles walk on water?
    - i. ... Jesus could.
  - c. Jesus stopped the storm simply by commanding the winds to be still.
    - i. Have you ever seen, or heard any of these "*so called*" inspired men calm a hurricane or a tornado with the command of his voice?
    - ii. No sir.
  - d. Neither can anyone today make a blind man to see.
    - i. Folks today do not even attempt to work a miracle on a totally blind man, so as to make his eyes as new.
  - e. Have you seen any of these so-called miracle workers raise a man from the dead?
    - i. I didn't think so...

- IV. The point I want to make... is that *no one* can do the same kind of things that Jesus did... because He the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth!
- a. Jesus Christ - through His teaching and with the signs that accompanied His teaching – according to the apostle John has proven...
    - i. His power over the elements... And the elements will melt with fervent heat when the Lord is ready to exercise that authority again.
    - ii. The Lord's Power over distance... (So it does not matter how far away He may seem right now)
    - iii. His power over time... (He can aid you... Not just in the future... But right now!)
    - iv. That He holds the ability to provide for ALL of our spiritual needs.
    - v. His power over all creation... Yet He still offers US free will.
    - vi. His ability to illuminate the world (to enlighten spiritually)
    - vii. His power over all life and death
      1. All of these signs to confirm what HE spoke concerning HIMSELF – to be the Son of God!! (**John 10:36**)

- V. All of that said... We definitely can find *comfort* in the Lord. He understands our plight, He sympathizes with our grief... our sorrows. We see that plainly revealed in the New Testament scriptures. But...
- a. Consider the spiritual reality of the matter as well, brethren. The Lord was (and is) fully aware of the ravages which death has brought upon the world... *all because of sin*.
  - b. When we are reminded (soberly) of the true reality of death... When we are faced with it personally... It reminds us... of the consequences of sin.
    - i. Sin is what has brought upon us pain, suffering, and death.
    - ii. We often think about pain, suffering, and death... What that means to us... But how do you think all of that suffering makes the Lord feel?!

- VI. Jesus Christ, the Son of God...
- a. Came unto this sin-cursed world...
  - b. He lived a perfect, sinless life...
  - c. He glorified God...
  - d. Yet He was cursed at...
  - e. He was spat upon...
  - f. He was blasphemed...
  - g. He was put to an open shame...
  - h. ... He was put to death... (a cruel and horrible death)
    - i. All because of me...
    - ii. All because of you...
    - iii. All because of our sins.

- VII. That said, Praise be to God... that Jesus again proved His power over all life and death; when He arose from the dead. With a mighty triumph over His foes. He arose a victor from the dark domain... And He lives forever with His saints to reign. He arose, Hallelujah Christ arose.
- a. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you believe that He died for your sins? Do you believe He was raised from the dead? Do you believe that He holds the power over life and death?
    - i. **Thumbnail and summarize 1Corinthians, chapter 15!!!**
    - ii. Jesus declared, "*I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?*"