

Bible Study – February 12, 2020

Miracles of Jesus – Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

Miracle: A divine act by which God reveals himself to people.

The presence of the miraculous is evident through the entire bible, however in the New Testament it differs, in that it is transcended by the presence of the very Son of God, who himself is the greatest miracle of all. God now has not only acted in history; he has entered history and has turned it to himself. John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The NT uses the idiom, “signs and wonders,” (cf. Mt 24:24; Mk 13:22; Jn 4:48; Acts 2:43). It signifies the mighty act itself by which God is revealed in Christ. Another term is “work,” which along with sign is preferred in the Gospel of John. This term is used in John to show that in Jesus the work of the Father is revealed.

John 11:1-7; 38-44

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Question to Ponder:

Has there ever been a time in your life when you prayed and Jesus did not respond right away? What are some of the things that went through your mind when He didn't show up when you thought he should?

1) _____ **DOES NOT MEAN** _____.

2) **JESUS** _____ **AND HE** _____.

3) **THERE IS** _____ **IN OUR** _____.

4) **THERE IS** _____ **IN** _____.

5) **JESUS CAN** _____ **DEAD** _____.

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