



Dead are Raised

Why Miracles

And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book:

But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

(John 20:30-31)

Miracles Attesting Jesus The Messiah



“Go tell John what you have seen and heard.”

(Luke 7:22 / Matthew 11:5)

- 1) Miracle of Sight
- 2) Miracle of Walking Lam
- 3) Miracle of Cleansed Lepers
- 4) Miracle of the Deaf Hearing
- 5) Miracle of the Dead are Raised**
- 6) Sign of Gospel Preaching (to the poor).

Purpose of Signs and Miracles



VALIDATES THE MESSENGER		No one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. John 3:2 Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst. Acts 2:22	
VALIDATES HIS AUTHORITY		That ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins. Matthew 9:6	
VALIDATES HIS MESSAGE		How will I know this? Luke 1:18 Amazed at His teaching. Matthew 7:28-29 Never a man spake like this man. John 7:46	
CONFIRMS OUR FAITH		That you might believe. John 20:31 His disciples believed on him. John 2:11 Help thou my unbelief. Mark 9:24	



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THE FIRST THREE SIGNS

The Blind, The Lame, and The Leper

- Prohibited from entering the Temple
- Prohibited from service, worship, or sacrifice.
- No sacrifice opens the eyes of the blind
- No sacrifice makes the lame to walks
- Sacrifices for the leper are after the are cleansed.

THE FOURTH AND FIFTH SIGNS



The Deaf and The Dead

Symbolic of the state of Israel

Matthew 13:13
Mark 4:12

“Hearing they do not hear”

Isaiah 6:9-10

“Their ears are dull” “Their eyes are dim”
(Quoted by Matthew and Mark)

Isaiah 59:10

“Like blind men” and “Like dead men”

Matthew 8:22

“Let the dead bury their dead”

Luke 15:24

The prodigal was “dead” to the father.

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Symbolic of Unbelief



Symbolic of all who have not responded to the gospel

Romans 8:10-11

Dead because of sin; Alive because of righteousness

Ephesians 2:1

You were dead in your trespasses and sins.

1 Peter 4:6

The gospel is preached to the dead, that they might live.

Death: The First Curse

The Curse

Genesis 2:17

In the day you eat of it, you will die.

Because of Adam – All Die

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

Death came by Adam;
In Adam all die.

Death was symbolic: Adam died spiritually – being separated from God.

This is true, but only a partial explanation. Adam indeed suffered spiritual death, that is separation from God. Adam was also removed from the garden (real and symbolic separation).

Death was delayed: A substitutionary sacrifice was made for Adam.

God made a blood sacrifice and covered Adam and Eve. This is the first “atonement” or covering of sin. This delayed his death but did not remove his sin.

It was symbolic: the forgiveness of sin would come through the seed of the woman.

It was temporary: Adam continued to sacrifice (evident in the sacrifices of his sons).

It was partial: It was only an atonement (covering). It did not remove the sin

Adam's Death

Death For All Men

Death is the curse for disobedience to the Word of God.

Adam eventually died (death is real)
Genesis 5 (1 Corinthians 15:22)

Death passes to all men.
Adam and his descendants die. (Genesis 5)

Two Exceptions
Enoch (Genesis 5:24); and Elijah (2 Kings 2:11).

Ephesians 2:1 We inherited the curse of death from Adam.

(Romans 5:12,18,19)
We are “dead in trespasses” because of Adam’s sin.

Romans 8:10 If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Colossians 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, **having forgiven us all our transgressions,**

Like Adam, a substitutionary sacrifice has been made for us.

Not like Adam, our sacrifice is neither symbolic, temporary, or incomplete.

Our bodies still die, but not as the unrighteous!

The Cure Is Reversed In Christ



Isaiah 26:19

Believing Israel will “**awake** and shout for joy” See John 11

John 11:11

Jesus awakened Lazarus **out of sleep**

Note: This is before the cross – Lazarus is an OT believer (Israel).

Matthew 22:31-32

Resurrection is promised in the Scriptures (OT) “**God of the Living**” – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob

1 Thessalonians 4:13 The dead in Christ are “**asleep**”

Sleep: Death of The Righteous

The Promise of Resurrection(both the righteous and the unrighteous)

Isaiah 26:19

“Your dead shall live” (Righteous)

Ezekial 37:1-4,12-13

The valley of the dry bones (Righteous)

Daniel 12:2

Those asleep in the dust of the ground will wake up.
Righteous to life; Unrighteous to disgrace

Hosea 13:14

I will ransom them from the power of the grave.

John 5:28-29

All will hear His voice will arise. Some to life; Some to judgment

The Promise of Resurrection

The Desired Response

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It authenticates Jesus as from God the Father

Romans 1:4

Jesus, declared the Son of God
... by the power of the resurrection

It authenticates the message of the Lord Jesus: **The promise of resurrection!**

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

The promise of resurrection to the church

Luke 20:28

Reference to the dead living (OT saints)

John 5:5

The dead will hear His voice and live.

John 11:25

He who believes in Christ will live even if he dies.

Romans 6:5

We will be raised from the dead like Jesus

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- The Daughter of Jairus, an official of the synagogue.
This event appears in all three synoptic Gospels!
- **Matthew 9:18, 23-26**
Unnamed Official; Daughter has died (unique to Matthew)
- **Mark 5:21-23, 35-42**
The official is identified as Jairus.
- **Luke 8:41-42, 49-55**
Identified as Jairus; Daughter is age 12 (see Mark 5:25)
Compare to the woman with an issue of blood (12 years)
- *The Widow's Son*
- **Luke 7:1-17**
The widow's only son at Nain.

Lazarus: The Friend of Jesus

John 11:1-44

John 11:1-6	Personal Relationship With Lazarus' Family
John 11:4	The Reason For Delay
John 11:7-16	The Journey: Lessons along the way. "That you may believe"
John 11:17-27	Conversation with Martha and Mary
John 11:28-37	Eyewitness Accounts
John 11:38-44	Lazarus is Raised from the dead.
1 Thessalonians 4:16	Only Lazarus Is Called!

Responses To The Dead Raised

John 12:9-11

John 12:9-10

The Jews rejected the sign!

They sought to kill Lazarus along with Jesus.

John 12:11

Many believed on account of Lazarus

Not the religious, but the common and outcast.

Luke 16: 27-31

Compare the rich man and Lazarus the beggar.

“Send Lazarus to my brothers”

If they do not believe Moses,

“they will not believe even if one is raised from the dead”

Responses To The Signs



THOSE THAT DENY THE SIGNS

Some heard but they denied the signs (John 9 and 12)

Some attribute the signs to natural causes.

Some attribute the signs to supernatural forces (evil)

THOSE THAT BELIEVE THE SIGNS

John 20:29

Some are eyewitness;

Some believe their testimony.

Romans 10:17

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Galatians 3:2,5

We receive the Spirit of God by “hearing with faith.”

What is your response?



Whoever believes in me hath everlasting life!
John 6:47

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
And let the one who hears say, "Come."
And let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost.*
Revelation 22:17

LORD, I believe, help thou my unbelief
Mark 9:24



Thank you

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