

# The Miracles Of Jesus

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## Introduction

(Jn 20:30-31)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
    - a. Greetings...
  2. New series of lessons covering “The Miracles Of Jesus.”
    - a. This week we will be looking at the “Introduction” to this series.
      - i. **Jn 20:30-31** “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”<sup>1</sup>
  3. Miracles are those things which find people looking toward the mysterious or suspicious.
    - a. People have for years be fascinated at their possibility even if they don’t quite believe in them.
    - b. Other, who do believe in them, hold such a wonder concerning them that they incorrectly call everything a miracle.
  4. In this series of lessons we will be examining miracles specific to Jesus’ time here on earth.
    - a. There are a great number of them and each holds a specific to learn.
  5. With that in mind let us examine our introductory lesson for today.
- I. **Jesus’ Miracles = Jesus Is The Christ**
- A. Jesus’ miracles were written down for Christians
    1. They were written for Christians to “believe Jesus is the Christ.”
      - i. **Jn 20:30-31** “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ...”
    2. They weren’t written so that non-Christians would believe Jesus is the Christ.
      - i. Remember the context of John’s Gospel Account.
        - a. This book, like the book of I John, was written during a time of Gnostic growth within the church.
    3. Why would Christians need to read about Jesus’ miracles to believe Jesus is the Christ?
      - i. First to counter the naysayers who loudly cry Jesus did not speak the Word of God.
        - a. Miracles were done to prove that the one speaking was speaking the Oracles of God.
          1. **Mk 16:20** “And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.” (NKJV)
        - b. Jesus did perform signs i.e. miracles and as such this proves He was speaking the oracles of God.

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<sup>1</sup> All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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- ii. Second since Jesus did speak the Oracles of God this proves He is the only begotten son of God.
  - a. Jesus did not shy away from teaching He was the Son of God.
    1. **Jn 3:16** “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (NKJV)
    2. **Jn 8:58** “Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.’ ”
    3. **Jn 14:9-11** “Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.”

B. Thus...

1. These miracles Jesus did were written down so that Christians could be assured Jesus truly is the Christ!!!

### II. Jesus’ Miracles = Life In His Name

A. Jesus’ miracles were written down for Christians

1. They were written for Christians to have “life in Jesus’ name.”
  - i. **Jn 20:30-31** “Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by **believing** you may **have** life in his name.” (emphasis is mine)
    - a. Notice both words are in the present tense meaning they are a continuous action.
2. They weren’t written about in order for non-Christians to become Christians.
  - i. There is no doubt that when non-Christians become Christians they receive the life in Jesus’ name.
    - a. **I Co 6:11** “And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”
  - ii. But that is not why these miracles were written down.
3. Why would Christians need to read about Jesus’ miracles to continue to have life in His name?
  - i. Knowing Jesus is the Christ allows us to find confidence in Christ to be able to run the race with endurance.
    - a. **He 12:1** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us”

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- ii. Knowing Jesus is the Christ allows us to stand up and fight the good fight of faith.
    - a. **I Ti 6:12** “Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”
- B. Thus...
- 1. These miracles were written down so that Christians could have confidence in staying strong and fighting the good fight of faith having life His name.

### CONCLUSION

- 1. Brother and sisters let us seek to better study the miracles of Jesus and in so doing help ourselves to mature in our Christian walk while fighting the good fight of faith.
  - a. Let us learn the lessons therein.
- 2. Question: Are you ready to assured in Jesus as the Christ and to confidently walk in His path of righteousness?
  - a. If so continue therein and grow thereby.
  - b. If not why not?
- 3. Invitation
  - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
    - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Have Faith In Jesus **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**