

**“I am the
resurrection
and
the life”**

John 11:25



The “Miracle”... Significance and Limitations



1. Astounding Miracle... single evangelist ⁽¹⁾

- Why was a miracle of this magnitude not mentioned by other evangelists?
- The message was the focus, not the miracle



1. Astounding Miracle... single evangelist (2)

- The power of godliness on others:

“Knowing, therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men”

2 Corinthians 5:11



2. The Miracle and the Faith ⁽¹⁾

- Miracles are not enough to ignite a true faith. “Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death”

John 11:53



2. The Miracle and the Faith (2)

- ““If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.””

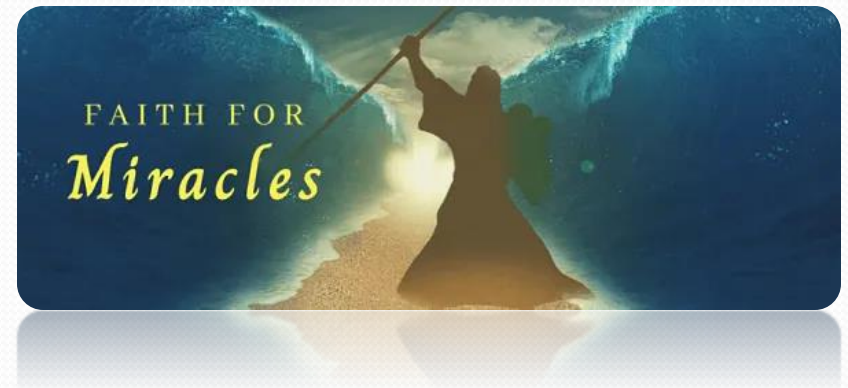
Luke 16:31



2. The Miracle and the Faith (3)

- True faith precedes the miracle, not the other way around:
- “Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?”

John 11:40



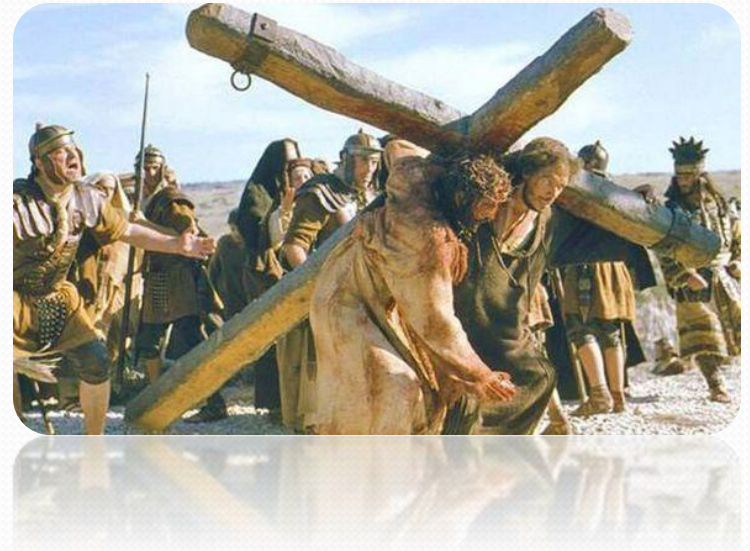
3. Why was the Miracle? ⁽¹⁾

- Many were out of the Lord's compassion
- Some were the response to strong faith (e.g., healing the woman with chronic bleeding)



3. Why was the Miracle? ⁽²⁾

- All were for the glory of God and showing His unlimited power
- Confirming the faith of the disciples (raising Lazarus before Passion Week)



3. Why was the Miracle? ⁽³⁾

- Some to show God's power over similar things we are requested to believe without seeing (e.g., transforming the water into wine and believing the change of the wine to be His blood)



3. Why was the Miracle? (4)

- The healing of the paralytic and the forgiveness of his sins



4. Miracles are not... (1)

- Indicators of the holiness or even the acceptance of God to the doer
- “Then many came to Him and said, ‘John performed no sign, but all the things that John spoke about this Man were true.’” *John 10:41*



4. Miracles are not... (2)

- “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you’”

Matthew 7:22-23



4. Miracles are not... (3)

- Miracles are not among the fruits of the Spirit. They are from His gifts to be used for the salvation of others, not the glory of their doers.



5. The Grand Miracle ⁽¹⁾

- It's the miracle of the Resurrection that we witness happening in us and in others
- The Lord being the Resurrection and its possibility through abiding in Him



5. The Grand Miracle ⁽²⁾

- It's not a miracle we wait to see at the end of times. It's every day's miracle that goes unnoticed and, sadly, not often pursued by those who suffer spiritual death.

