

THE POWER OF THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

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And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are written in this book; 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)

When the apostle Thomas realized that Jesus had indeed been raised from the dead, He exclaimed, "My Lord and My God!" (John 20:28). Jesus then said, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" (v. 29). The apostle John then writes the words quoted above (vv. 30-31) to explain how someone today who has not seen Jesus can truly believe in Him.

Please notice the facts that John lists in these verses:

Jesus performed many miracles. As we read the gospel accounts, we learn of the many miracles of Jesus, such as calming the storms, walking on water, raising the dead, healing the blind, along with others. They are thrilling to read, and they continue to witness that Jesus was sent from heaven (Jn. 5:36).

The disciples of Jesus witnessed these miracles. These miracles were done publicly where many people could observe what was happening. The disciples of Jesus had a front row seat to the fact that these miracles were real and awesome.

John recorded some of these miracles. John did not record everything Jesus did because "if they were written one by one...even the world itself could not contain the book that would be written" (Jn. 21:25). John chose to record seven of Jesus' many miracles. He chose these seven to highlight the reasons people should believe in Jesus.

One who reads of these miracles can come to believe in Jesus. This is the power of the gospel message. The Bible provides powerful and undeniable testimony about Jesus. The miracles of Jesus continue to prove that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Acts 2:22)

One who believes in Jesus has life in His name. God, who loved the world, gave His only begotten Son that "whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn. 3:16). Faith comes by hearing the testimony of the word of God, and that is what we find in the gospel of John and the rest of the New Testament. Believe in Jesus and embrace the promise of eternal life!