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The Book of John

Lesson 2 Seven Miracles

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Read John 1:1-18

Now, look at the other end of the book in John 20:30-31. *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.* So why this collection of miracles? Why this collection of words? Why this view of the crucifixion? See, if anyone has a printing ministry, what are they printing? They are printing the gospel of John. If you give somebody a New Testament, what do you tell them? Read the gospel of John. Why? Because what is written in this book *"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.*

While we are here according to John 20: 30-31 salvation is really more simple than we make it. Look what He said. If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, believing that opens the door to having life through His name. So I believe and this is what we are going to see as we go through John and then we are going to go right from John into Acts; do you know what was preached by the Apostles? Not get saved! What was preached by the Apostles was Jesus Christ! Because if you hear and believe the truth about Jesus Christ, you will get saved! If we preached get saved but you do not believe and hear the truth about Jesus Christ how can you get saved? So the emphasis in John and Acts is on Jesus Christ, not on getting saved! Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved! Look – getting saved is simple! If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ! So that is what we are after!

John presents Jesus as the Son of God, as we said. The other three gospels deal with events. John deals with the meaning of the events. Why did things happen? What was the purpose of these things? He records several sermons where Jesus says that He is the I AM. Look at all the scriptures in this book that reference Jesus as the I AM John 6:35 *I AM the bread of life*; John 8:12 & John 9:5 *I AM the light of the world*; John 10:7 *I AM the door of the sheep* ; John 10:11 *I AM the good shepherd*; John 11:25 *I AM the resurrection, I AM the life*; John 14:6 *I AM the way, the truth and the life*; John 15:1 & John 15:5 *I AM the true vine*. Seven sermons - the number of perfection, Jesus preaches I AM, and then reveals who the I AM is, I AM reveals what the I AM is, He is declaring Himself. Do you want to know who was in the burning bush? "The True Vine, The Bread of Life, The Door to Heaven", The I AM brought you out of Egypt; He also uses the title in John 4:26; John 8:28; John 13:19; John 18:5-8; & John 8:58 *"before Abraham was, I AM..."*.

All the miracles that Jesus worked, John chose seven to prove His deity. There is an eighth miracle in chapter 21, but that was just for the disciples – that was not an open or public thing. Let's take a look at these miracles, these seven miracles, the first three show how salvation comes, the last three show the results of salvation in the believer. And the fourth is a turning point that shows that Jesus uses human means to bring salvation to lost men.

The first miracle in the book of John, Jesus turns water into wine (John 2:1-11). That miracle pictures salvation by the word. Ephesians 5, cleansing by the word, washing by the word. The second miracle in John is in John 4:46-54. It is the healing of the

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nobleman's son. It shows salvation by faith. "...*go thy way, thy son liveth.*" The third miracle is in John 5:1-9, the healing of the paralyzed man. This shows salvation by grace. "I cannot get into the pool. I cannot walk. I cannot crawl. I cannot swim." "That's okay, I'll heal you anyway."

The last three miracles show the results of salvation in a believer. John 6:15-21. Calming the storm. Salvation brings peace. John 9:1-7. Healing the blind man. Salvation brings light. John 11:38-45. The raising of Lazarus. Salvation brings life. Now, the fourth miracle is in John 6:1-14. It is the feeding of the five thousand, what did the Lord do? He has what the hungry men need. He says, I going to give it to you, my disciples and you take it and give it to them. So here is John a fisherman and he says, I think I'm going to write my first book for God in it I will write down all the things Jesus did in three and half years, and I am going to write about seven miracles and I am going to set them up so that the first three show how salvation comes and the last three will show what the results of salvation are and the one right in the middle will show how God gets salvation to men through men – yeah, that sounds good!" I do not believe it. I believe the Holy Spirit moved on John just like he did on all the others and had them write these books exactly the way the Holy Spirit told them too. There can be no other explanation, no fisherman could of coordinated that so perfectly.

Now, think about also what is **not** in John. John is presenting Jesus Christ as God, here is what you do not have in the book of John.

There is no temptation in the wilderness. What does the Bible say in James 1? God cannot be tempted. Matthew, Mark and Luke have temptation. The king of the Jews can be tempted. The servant can be tempted. The perfect man can be tempted. But you cannot tempt God.

There is no agony in the garden. Jesus is not praying for help in Gethsemane. He is not asking for the cup to pass. He is not sweating drops of blood. He is knocking soldiers in their back. He is God!

There is no transfiguration in John. Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell of Jesus being transfigured, why doesn't John? Because He is no less God on earth than He was in heaven.

John 10:18 it says, the Lord lays down His life. "***I have power to lay it down; I have power to take it up again.***" That is only found in John. Only God can do that. And so it is interesting how each of these gospels, by not only what they teach but by what they **do not** teach.

And as we said earlier, there is no manger scene here. There is no birth at Bethlehem. There is no Joseph and Mary helping Him escape to Egypt so Herod does not kill Him. All of that is bypassed. The scene where Jesus is teaching in the temple as a child and He is subject to His mother and to His father. It is not in John. Why? Because God does not have a childhood. He's the everlasting. He is the Alpha, the Omega, the beginning and the end. So it is curious what is not there as well as what is there!

Verse 6. (John 1:6) ***There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*** So that is all he is. He is a man. He is a good one. He is a faithful one. He was one that was greatly used. But he is a man. The Bible makes that very clear. ***There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*** Now that is significant because we will learn later that all those born of women, He is the best there was! But that is all he was. He is a man. ***There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the***

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Light... Do you see the capital L there? John is not being sent to bear witness of a certain set of truths or a collection of teachings or to reprimand the Jews about keeping the law. Think about this. When Isaiah came, it was to preach reform. Jeremiah is preaching reform. Ezekiel is preaching doom. "You did not straighten up – we are going to get judged here." Hosea, "Repent!" Jonah, "Repent!" Micah, "Repent!" John shows up and does something that none of the prophets before Him did. He was sent to talk about a Person.

There are things about Jesus in Zechariah; but Zechariah is not talking about a person. He is talking to a nation about their condition. There are verses in Micah about the Lord, but the book of Micah is about the nation and its condition. When John shows up, he is not there to reform the nation of Israel. Now, you might get some of that in Matthew and you might get a little hint of that in Luke; but according to the gospel of John, John the Baptist came into the world to bear witness of a person. He came to talk about the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not sent into the world to declare a certain set of doctrines to establish a certain type of church or a certain type of religion, we are sent to preach a person! The Light. A Saviour. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Look at the tremendous anti-Calvinist statement. Verse 7. *The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.* How many men? All men.

What was God's purpose in sending John into the world? ***That all men might believe.*** He did not say they would. He did not even say they might. So there is a choice to be made by all men. Each man has that choice to make and all men have an opportunity to believe.

Verse 8. *He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.* There are many religions that speak very nicely about Jesus. Here is what they would say. "The Light was in Adam; the Light was in Moses; the Light was in David; the Light was in John; the Light was in Jesus; and the Light was other men, John 1:8 says John was not the Light; it was not in him; it was not on him; it was not around him; it was not part of him. All John did was say, "I am not the Light; He is the Light! In fact, the light is not even IN Him, He IS the Light." So clearly, he says, "as the Light" is not one in a series of notable men who had the light. He is in and of and by the light. Nobody else is the Light; nobody else can be the Light. We all have light (small L), verse 5, because of Him who is the Light (capital L), verse 7-9. Do you see the significance of how that thing is set up? He *was sent to bear witness of that Light.*

Verse 9. *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.* Let's just get the plain truth from the Bible you cannot find God unless God gives you light. If you are a man, (when I speak of man, that is generic, I am speaking to both men and women) you have light (small L), verse 9, which is sufficient to enable you to find the true Light (capital L). Every man living **could** be saved if He **wanted** to be saved. What would he have to do? He would have to respond to the light (small L) that God gave him and when he did that God would lead and guide that man to the true Light (capital L) which is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Look in Romans 1:17. *For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.* Look at Romans 12:3. Look at the end of the verse. *...according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.* Back to John 1. Verse 16. *And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.*

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Here is what God does. Every man born into this world, God gives him light (small L), a measure of faith and a measure of grace. If that man in his heart seeks that light and properly exercises that faith towards God, God will give him more light and more faith and more grace. If he properly responds to that, God will give more light and more faith and more grace.

Now, listen, you did not get saved the first time somebody witnessed to you. But you responded sufficiently in your heart for God to send you something more. You did not say, "I do not believe there is a God... you may have said something like, I do not think that is the only way to God or I do not think that's the only way you can go to heaven, you may of thought in your heart "I know He is out there somewhere..."

Why does one house have somebody knock on their door and the other does not? God never intended for people to go to hell, God sends someone to tell you about Himself, if you lean towards belief, but you do go through with it, God will send someone else, and each time He sends someone or allows you to hear about Himself on the radio or TV or maybe you see a bumper sticker or you drive by a Church with a scripture sign out front, eventually that one person will respond to the light that God gave them, one person exercised the faith that God gave them and the Lord begins to operate in a greater degree in their life, whereas the other person, that hard stony ground, there attitude about the Bible and Godly things is – "I don't want any of this. Get that Bible stuff anyway from me, I do not believe in God, I don't want God." Please understand God seeks after everybody, and He will try any means possible aside from killing that person to bring him to a saving knowledge of Himself.*every man that cometh into the world?*

John 3:19 *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.* So who does not get saved? It is not people who have light. It is people who did not want the light they had. Verse 20. *For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light,* (Look – it is a small L.) This is not Jesus. Do you see that? It is not everyone that doeth evil doesn't come to Jesus. It is they don't come to the light *lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light,* (small L). So God gave you (Romans 1) something inside you that says that there is a God and you need Him. If by faith you respond to that, God will give you a little more light. If by faith you respond to that, God will give you a little more light. Eventually, if you follow faith to faith (Romans 1), grace to grace (John 1), you are going to get saved! And yes, it will be God's working in your life from the beginning, but it will be coupled with your responding to God's work in your life from the beginning. The two go hand in hand; the two work together.

Talking about Jesus the true Light,. John 1:10 *He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.* So notice, everybody in the world has light but having light and knowing Jesus are not the same thing! Do you see that from verses 9 and 10? Every man that comes into the world has light but that does not mean that you know Jesus. It takes more than that!

John 1:11 *He came unto his own..* Who is the scripture referring too? The nation of Israel. *...and his own received him not.* What does that say? The elect chosen people rejected the Messiah. They are His own. They are His people! Psalm 100:3 – this is an Israelite passage. *...we are his people.* That is not the United States. That is Israel. *...we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.* Yet, when He came unto his own they would not receive Him. So the elect (Romans 11) made themselves enemies of the gospel. Romans

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11:28, *As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.* They are elect and they are enemies of the gospel.

John 1:12. (You should of memorized this verse by now, this is one that should be hidden in your heart, 12 and 13.) *But as many as received him,* See, that is a person. It is not a set of doctrines. *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:* Now, let us break this verse down. What do you have to do? Receive him; not know about him; not work for him; you have to receive him. What will He give you? The power to become the sons of God. Do you know what the New American Standard Version says there? The same thing the New World Translation says. – *to them gave he the right to become the sons of God.* You will never have the right to become the sons of God. What is the power? That is the regeneration. That is the new birth. Now look. ...*even to them* that do what? ...*believe on his name.* That is the key word in John. Believe. (If you mark *believe* every time it shows up in John, you will have a well-marked Bible.) ...*believe on his name:*

Which were born, So it is a birth. We talking a new birth here, second birth. *Which were born not of blood,* This is not something you get from Adam. It is not your human lineage. ...*nor of the will of the flesh,* Your flesh cannot will you into a salvation experience; your flesh does not want to get saved. ...*nor of the will of man,* I wanted my loved ones to be saved, but I could not force them to do something they were not ready to do. You cannot get saved because others wants you to.

Now, what does verse 13 prove about baptism? ...*nor of the will of man* – think about it. If baptism saved you, by our will, we could trick you into getting into a pool or a lake. When you were baptized, wasn't that by the will of man, somebody put you in that water and someone pulled you out. Can you baptize by the will of man? Sure! But you can not save somebody by the will of man. It has to be the work of God in their heart. ...*nor of the will of man but of God.* So salvation is of God. Entirely!

John 1:14. *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.* Look at verse 16. ...*of his fulness have all we received,* He is giving me some of his fulness. HE is the fullness. He has the fullness. He might have imparted a little bit of that to me; he may have imparted a little bit of that to you. It is all His! He is full of grace and truth. I have some grace. I have some truth. But He is full of grace and truth. Look in Colossians 2:9. *For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.* Fulness. He has it all! Everything that makes up God – it is all in that body walking on earth, Jesus Christ. Now, I have the Holy Spirit in me. I do not have everything that God is in me. Christ liveth in me; but I do not have everything that is God in me.

Yes, thank God, I have the Holy Spirit living in me, but I do not have the fullness of God dwelling in me. I cannot feed every beast of the field. I cannot number the hairs on every head. I cannot spin planets on my finger. Do you understand what we are saying here? Jesus Christ was not a man that had some God on Him. He was not a great man that had the essence of deity around Him. He is completely, totally God, walking around on this earth. He is God sitting at the table having lunch with you. He is God breaking bread with you. He is God sitting with you in a boat out on the Sea of Galilee. It is unbelievable. Those guys had lunch with God!

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Book of John**Lesson 2**

Read John 1:1-18

name _____

1. Who were his own?
2. What is the difference between "the Light" and "the light"?
3. Do all men have both? (referring to the question above)
4. What comparison do you see between the words "grace and truth" (v.14) and "life and light" (v.4)? (extra credit if you answer correctly, no point off if answered incorrectly)
 - a. grace and truth
 - b. life and light
5. Explain the significance in the order of these words in the scripture?
(extra credit if you answer correctly, no point off if answered incorrectly)
 - a. grace and truth
 - b. life and light
6. What did we learn about baptism in this lesson?
7. Who is the "I AM"?
8. What are the seven miracles in the book of john?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
 - f.
 - g.

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9. Explain the significance of each miracle and their order of accomplishment?
- a. b.
- c. d.
- e. f.
- g.
10. What is the difference between the world's Jesus and the scriptures Jesus?
11. Explain the complete process of a generic man's salvation, based on what you learned in the lesson?
12. Prove this process related to question 11 with scripture.

True/False

- when studying the scriptures, it is really not important if the editor has capitalized or not?
- Jesus is God, The Lord, Jehovah, The Almighty, The King of Kings, The Lord of Lords, The I AM?
- Events that are **not** recorded in the book of John, are important?

Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)

John 1:12, 13; Romans 1:17; Romans 12:3

Any questions?