

Jesus the miracle worker

INTRODUCTION:

1. Read Mark 5:1-20
2. Before getting into the text of this reading, let's first give some general comments on the miracles of Jesus.
 - (1) As to their purpose – His miracles were proof that He is God,
 - i. John 1:1.14; John 20:27-29 – “My Lord and my God”
 - ii. John 20:31
 - iii. Heb. 2:1-3
 - (2) The miracles of Jesus say to us that God has done all that needs to be done to convince an honest inquirer that he or she ought to obey Jesus Christ in all that He says. John 2:5
 - (3) There are 39 Miracles recording in the Gospels; Matt. 25; Mark 20; Luke 23; John 7.
 - (4) These miracles show Jesus' power over death, nature, diseases, the devil and the demonic world, all human sicknesses and handicaps and over all realms of life – yours and mine.
 - (5) One message of the miracles is that Jesus Christ can bring about a radical change in our live for good.

DISCUSSION: Let us now examine the first of three miracles for this morning's discussion

- I. The man living in the tombs, Mark 5:1-20.
 1. This miracle shows the destructive element of sin. Vs. 3-5
 - (1) Rom. 3:10-12, 23;
 - (2) Rom. 6:23;

(3) I John 5:11

2. The pain we go through when our sins have not been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ.
3. This miracle shows the amazing difference Jesus makes and will make in my life and yours. Vs. 15

II. Resurrects Jairus's daughter – Matt. 9:18; Mk. 5:22; Luke 8:41

1. With God all things are possible – Heb. 11:6

(1) just believe,

- i. Mk. 5:36;
- ii. Matt. 9:18;
- iii. Luke 8:50

(2) Three times Jesus tells the disciples all things are possible

- i. Matt. 19:26
- ii. Mk. 9:23; Mk. 10:27
- iii. Luke 18:27

(3) Followed by promise of material and spiritual blessing if you leave all and follow Him.

- i. Matt. 19:27-30
- ii. Mark 10:28-31
- iii. Luke 18:28-30

(4) In the raising of Jairus' daughter, Jesus says to us – in Him there is hope.

- i. He can recover our lives from the depths of despair
- ii. He can recover our lives from financial ruin

iii. He can rebuild our lives to heights greater than our best past experiences.

We must just trust in Him and believe in Him.

III. Feeding of the 5,000 – Matt.14:13-21; Mk. 6:30-44; Lk. 9:12-17; John 6:1-13

1. Background for the “bread from heaven” narration, 6:25 – 6:68

(1) Bigger story is marked with two questions:

i. “Where shall we buy bread for those people to eat?” 6:5

ii. “You do not want to leave too, do you?” 6:67

(2) The miraculous feeding leads to Jesus’ Eucharistic discourse, presenting Himself as:

i. “the bread of life” (6:35),

ii. “the bread that came down from heaven” (6:41),

iii. “the living bread that came down from heaven” (6:51a)

iv. with the promise of eternal life to “anyone who eats of this bread” (6:51b)

v. and the final declaration, “this bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world” (6:51c).

2. One greater than Moses is here.

(1) If they believed Moses they should now believe in Jesus, (5:45);

(2) Moses and Jesus are similar yet strikingly different.

i. Moses in the wilderness Jesus on the mountainside

ii. Miraculous manna miraculous feeding

iii. Manna in the wilderness Fish and bread on the plains

3. Little in the hands of Jesus Christ feeds a multitude –.

(1) A gold club in the hands of tiger woods

(2) A basket ball in the hands of Magic Johnson

(3) 5 loaves and 2 fish in the hands of Christ

(4) Your life in the hands of God!

CONCLUSION:

1. What would it take to convince you that the Bible is the inspired word of God; that Jesus Christ is your savior; that unless you are born again you cannot enter the kingdom of God; that if you do not obey the gospel of Christ and live a righteous life before God you will be punished eternally in a burning hell? What would God have to do to convince you of those truths?
2. If you are convinced of these truths, then allow your faith to take you all the way to Jesus Christ and the salvation He offers. Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins.
3. Today if you hear His voice do not harden your heart. As we sing the invitation song, walk to the front and declare to the congregation – today you are placing your life in the hands of Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a Church home, then welcome... you have found the place, the body and the group.