

# The Miracles of Jesus

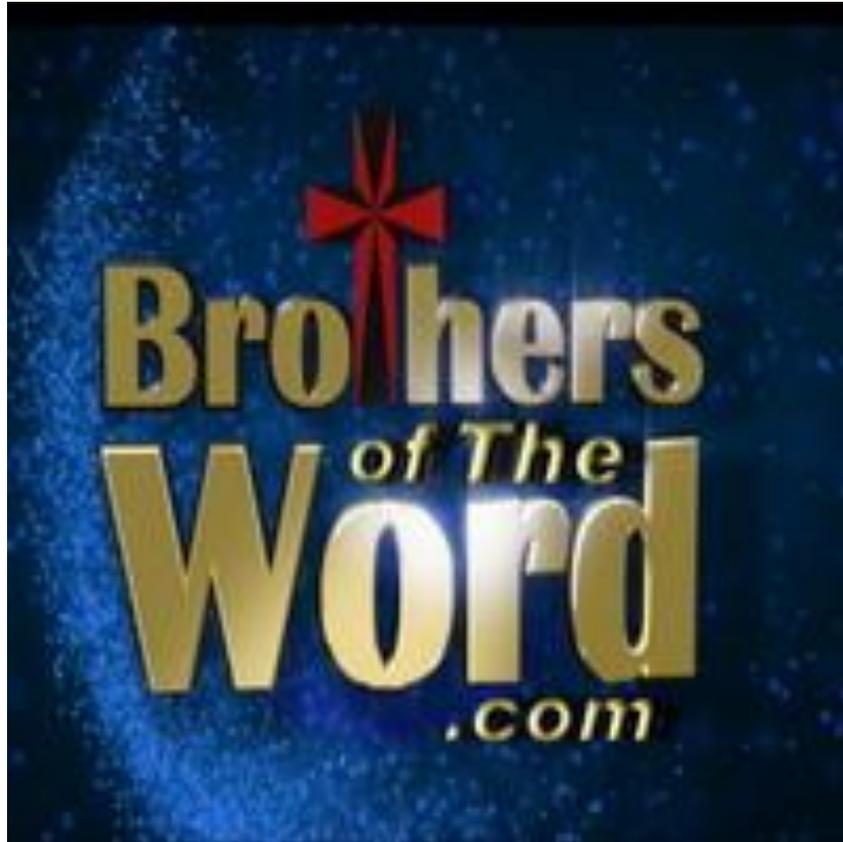
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C. Elijah Bronner: Thank you for joining Brother of The Word, because brother you need the word.

We welcome all of you joining us by television, and those of you joining us online at Brothersoftheword.com or Facebook live. Welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful joy and delight to have you to tune in and join us. Well, we'd love to share just a little humor. A woman went on vacation leaving her husband behind and before she left, she told him to take extra special care of her cat. The next day, she called her husband and asked if the cat was all right. Her husband said, "The cat just died." She burst into tears and said, "How could he be so blunt. Why couldn't you have broken the news gradually. Today, you could have said that it was playing on the roof. Tomorrow, you could have said that it fell off and had broken his leg, then on the third day you could have said that the poor thing had passed away in the night. You could have been more sensitive about the whole thing. By the way, how is mom?" Her husband replied, "She's playing on the roof."

We are sharing The Miracles of Jesus. The Miracles of Jesus, this is Part 8 and we've been walking through the four Gospels looking at different miracles that Jesus performed as He walked on the earth and we've been gleaning truths and principles, things that we can apply to our lives. We are getting an opportunity to see God's supernatural power and work on this play and He is still the same today. He is still doing miracles in our midst. He is still healing. He is still delivering. He is still saving. He is still doing miracles of supernatural supply and provision. He is still making a way out of no way.

That's a God that we serve and He's alive and well, and He loves to display His power and His majesty, and His might in the lives of his people for us and through us just to be a demonstration in the earth of His might and His power, and His excellency just to show that He is God. He is God and who is impossible with man is possible with Him. There's nothing impossible to Him and with Him all things are possible, and so I'm just excited. I've been enjoying just reliving these encounters as Jesus walked upon the earth. Let's look at one today over the Gospel of John, Chapter 11

John, Chapter 11 and we will read. This is a really long account, so I'm going to kind of split it up and read different sections of it, but John Chapter 11 beginning at Verse 1 says, "Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. Therefore, his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abodes two days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith he to his disciples, 'Let us go into Judea again.'" "These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, 'Lord if he is sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death; but they thought he had spoken of taking rest and sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.'" Well, I'm skipping around, so if you follow me - - you might have lost me, but drop down to Verse 20.

Verse 20 says; "Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house. Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith

unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.”

“And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.” Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?”

Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go. Praise God. Praise God, Amen.

Well, I hope that caught some of you up on your Bible reading, those of you who were a little bit behind this week. I was trying to catch you if in case you were behind on your Bible reading. Well, I just wanted to share some highlights from this account. This is a powerful account, powerful account, little interesting account. This is a little different than all other accounts. But here are just some points I just want to share. Number one, this account says to us that God can raise the seemingly dead things in our lives. And so, this gives us hope. You know, you might have something whether some dreams that have died or hopes that have died, or illness or wayward child, or failed marriage,

you know, somethings that may look hopeless, things you've given up on and I want to encourage you.

This encourages us to keep hoping, keep believing, keep praying and keep standing in faith and believing God to do the impossible, because He can resurrect dead thing that are in our lives. All it takes is just one touch of God's power and that's what He's showing. It just takes one touch of His power and changes everything. One touch of His power changes everything, so never give up. Never allow yourself to be hopeless. Don't give up. Someone said, "Clair both loose." She says "there are no hopeless situations. There are only people who have grown hopeless about them, so no situation that's hopeless, only people who have grown hopeless about them." And so, God's letting us know that He can raise the seemingly dead things in our lives and if we believe Him, if we put our faith out there and we'll expect Him to do a miracle, He will.

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Here is another point, just sharing some tidbits, some things that this account speaks to us. It's never too late for a miracle. It's never too late for a miracle. It may seem too late, but it's never too late for a miracle. If you don't believe me, ask Lazarus, same like it was too late for a miracle. Jesus was actually late getting there. On purpose, He was late getting there because He was making a statement. He is not bound by time. He is not bound by our lowly emergencies. He can move whenever He wants to move, however He wants to move. Time stops and at stands still because time comes out of Him. So, there is no lateness with God. And so, He shares something with us here that we have to trust His timing. We have to trust His timing. God's timing is always perfect. His plan is always perfect. His timing is always perfect, always perfect.

Now notice, Lazarus had been dead for days and that's significant. Now, when Jesus first got the news that Lazarus was sick, Jesus got the news, but He didn't go right then. He stayed where He was for two extra days and He was doing this on purpose. You can tell He was doing it on purpose because He loved him. He loved Lazarus. Man, this is a close friend. This was not just a person in the crowd. This was not just an acquaintance. Jesus was almost like a brother to Lazarus and to

Marie and Martha. He was really close with this family. He was closer with them than any other acquaintances at that time.

So, this is not a normal issue here. That's as close to home for him. This is close to his heart and that's why they sent for Him and He decided to stay where He was. In this emergency moment, He stayed where He was two days just to show that, "I'm taking my time because I want to show something here. I want to illustrate something here." And so, we have to learn to understand that God's timetable is always perfect and we have to trust His time. We got to trust His timing. Now the reason that the four days was significant, Jesus stayed in the place where He was for two days and then it probably took Him two more days to travel to Lazarus, so that's why you get four days.

So, by the time He got there, Lazarus had been dead four days. Now, here's the significance of the four days in the Jewish ritual. When a person die, they did not embalm them. They didn't embalm them, they just simply put fragrances and spices and so forth on the body. They put him in the tomb and they put him in the tomb within 24 hours. So, they put him in fairly quick within the same day they put him in the tomb, just covered it with some spices and meres (ph) and things like that for fragrance.

The reason they did that is because they would watch the person for the first three days just to make sure that they didn't come back because they couldn't tell if a person was in a coma. And so, a lot of times, they would watch him for the first couple of days because if they were in a deep coma that they might wake up and come out of it, but nobody had ever come back after three days.

So, after three days, you are done, it's over and that's why Jesus waited to four days. So, everybody would know he is dead. There would be no speculation that he was on a coma. No one had ever come back after three days. Jesus waited four days, gave him an extra day just to fill that in. He gave a little extra day there. He said, just to seal the deal. He is dead. He is dead. So, this is why his timing is so precise. His will is perfect and that gives us a great confidence and great assurance that when God works in our lives, His timing is perfect. Man, His timing is precise.

His will is perfect. Say that with me, "His plan is perfect." His will for my life is perfect. His timing is precise, so don't get frustrated, don't get bent out of shape, don't get Him the rush.

No, learn to wait on God. His timing is precision. He has precision timing. And it also shows us that not everything is instant. Not everything is instant. Jesus purposely slowed down. He slowed down, number one, for the four days to go by, but number two, I believe He was also testing Mary and Martha. He was testing them.

Remember, in all of these miracles, we begin to see that He was always testing. He was always testing. Whenever He did a miracle, He uses the opportunity to test. So, I believe He was testing Mary and Martha to see how they were going to respond, to see how they were going to respond to Him being seemingly late. So, Jesus is teaching the principle of patience here.

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Hebrews, Chapter 6, Verse 12. This is the amplified. Bible says, listen to this. It says, "So that you will not be spiritually sluggish, but will instead be imitators of those who threw faith, lean on God with absolute trust and confidence in him and in his power, and by patient, endurance even when suffering are now inheriting the promises."

So, Hebrews 6:12 teach us that we inherit the promises of God through faith and patience. Everybody say, "Faith and patience." So, Jesus is teaching to illustrate in the principle of patience here, not everything is instant. A lot of the miracles are instant, but sometimes they are not instant. So, will you become frustrated because it's not instant? Will you give up because it's not instant? Will you throw in the towel because it's not instant? Keep in mind, Abraham, when he first received the promise about having Isaac, he was 75 years old. When Isaac came, Abraham was 100. It's 25 years he had to wait, patience.

Joseph, went into Egypt, he was 17 years old. By the time he came to the throne, he was 30, patience. So, He is teaching us faith. Everybody say, "Faith and patience." Faith and patience, just keep doing the right thing, no matter how long it takes. Do what's right, honor God, keep a great attitude, work hard and do your very best because that's the test.

So, some things happen to us that require faith and patience. I like something that John McGowan said. He said, "The waiting requires faith in God's wisdom, character, goodness and power."

See? That gives you the ability to wait because you have your faith in His character, in His goodness, in His power and in His wisdom. You know God knows what He is doing. You know He's all powerful and you know He's good, and you know His character.

So, that gives you the ability to wait and it gives you the ability to stand because you can put your faith in His wisdom, in His character, in His goodness and in His power. So, even though God has good things in store for us, sometimes there are delays, that's what Jesus is showing us. Sometimes there are delays, but there is a set time. The Psalms talks about a set time that God has to favor His people.

The set time, so there's a set time. Everybody say, "Set time." There's a set time. There's a set time, praise God. So, if you can keep your faith and patience intact until set time comes, don't give up, but release your faith in His power and in His wisdom, in His character and in His goodness.

Here is something else I want to take a look at. In Verse 3 and Verse 5, it talked about how Jesus loved Lazarus and how He loved Mary and Martha. He loved them and when they sent the word to Jesus that Lazarus was sick, they said, "Jesus the one Whom you love the most is sick." So, they appealed to Jesus' love for them. Learn to appeal to God based on His love for us, based on His love for us. Appeal to God based on His love for us.

Jesus love them and I really believe this that Jesus love them so much He wanted to do something extraordinary for them. See, Jesus had never raised anybody from the dead at this point. He had only healed people who were still alive. He loved them so much Jesus said, "Hey, I want to show out for them. I want to do something a little extraordinary for them. I want to do something that I've never done before." So, He was saying, "If you all just stay with Me, this is going to be something that's never been done before and I want to do for you because you are special to Me."

So, I believe that He has some great, extraordinary and special things for us because He loves us so much. Keep in mind, what Jesus was doing, the reason He let Lazarus die, he Lazarus die not to be cruel. He let him die because He wanted God's power to be illustrated. He wanted God's power to be displayed. He wanted God's power to be seen. He wanted God to get glory.

So, there are somethings that happen in our lives because God wants to get the glory out of it. So, sometimes He allows us to go through some things and some difficult situations because He wants us to get the glory from it. He wants to get the glory from -- so if you're in a hard time or hard place, just remember that God wants to get the glory from it and He's going to do something extraordinary. He is going to do something special in your life because He wants to get the glory.

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So, he has to have a dark backdrop, sometimes, so that His glory can be seen. And so, He had to let him die so that He can raise him. Do you remember the man that was born blind and they wondered who sent this man or his parents? Jesus said, "This man was born this way so that God's glory can be manifested." So, God wanted to show his power and so a lot of times God will let us get jammed up just so He can show His power.

Remember, in order for a miracle to take place, it has to be a need, it has to be a problem, and you have to have some trouble. If everything's hunky-dory, there's no need for a miracle. So, keep this in mind. The next time you get jammed up, just say, "Man, I'm a good candidate for a miracle. I'm a great candidate for a miracle." The next time you're sick in your body, you're a candidate for a miracle. Keep that in mind.

So, God is waiting for opportunities to show Himself strong, to display His power, to do extraordinary things for us, special things because He loves us and because he wants to get the glory. He wants to be glorified in our lives. He wants to be glorified in our lives. Praise God.

Now, here's another point and I'm going to wrap up in a couple of minutes, but here's another point. The miracle is not only just for you. In this miracle, it was Lazarus. The miracle wasn't just for the family. Jesus actually told His disciplines, He said, "I didn't go for your sake." He told the disciplines that. He said, "Because I wanted you to see a greater measure of God's glory and power."

So, he did it for his disciplines. He not only did it for Mary and Martha and Lazarus, but the other people who were there in the town, He did it for them as well because the Bible says many of them believed after they saw what Jesus did. So, notice that. So,

the miracle is not just for you, it's for other people to see the power of God manifested in your life and for them to believe on Him too. Isn't that good? Praise God.

So, God wants to use your life, man, as a showpiece so He can demonstrate and show His power in your life so that other people will see it and believe it, and say, "Man, there is a God." There is a God. Look what happened to them. So, God wants to use you, man, so that others can see His power displayed in your life and believe on Him.

So, here's another point, always go to Jesus. Always go to Jesus. Whenever you're in a trial, problem, trouble, always go to Jesus. That's part of our test, always go to Jesus. When you fall apart will you blame God, will you get angry? Notice what Mary and Martha did. The first thing they did, they sent for Jesus. Always go to Jesus. Always pray, always seek Him, always listen to Him, always run to Him. We are safe in the presence of God. Say that with me, always go to Jesus. So, we are safe in the presence of God. Always call on the name of Jesus.

Jerimiah said, "Call on me and I'll answer you, show you great and mighty things." Always call on Jesus. Psalms 91 says, "If you call on me, I'll answer you and I'll rescue you. I'll deliver you. I'll be with you." And so, that's the invitation we get. Always go to Jesus. Always go to Him. Always listen to Him. So, that's what Mary and Martha did. They first sent for Him, always go to Jesus.

I just love the way that Jesus wept. He cared for them. He entered into their sorrow. We have a high priest who's touched with the feeling of our infirmities. He cried, he wept. He knows what pain feels like. He knows what death feels like. He knows when you're hurting. He identifies with us and I love that. It shows the humanity of Jesus in that moment. He cried, He wept. He's saw everybody else crying and it hurt His heart. Even though He knew he was about to raise him, it just hurt His heart to see people in such anguish and sorrow and pain that He cried himself. Man, that's our higher priest. That's who we go to.

And then, get this. When Jesus prayed, when He got ready to raise Lazarus, He said, "Father, I thank You that You always hear Me." Now, Jesus is the same one who is praying for us today. That's what He is going at the right hand of the Father today. We

have the one who said, “Father you always hear Me.” Jesus is making intercession on our own behalf. He’s praying for us. Isn’t that good? Oh, man, somebody should have shout that. That’s good. Stand on your feet. I don’t want to preach past time.

I went over a couple of weeks ago so I can’t go over. But I’m still preaching, I’m not done. Stand on your feet. I just want to preach while you’re standing. Here’s a couple of other things. I got three quick things. I got one minute to share three quick things. Never speak death over your situation. Never speak death. Jesus wouldn’t even say that He was dead. They had to pull it out of – Jesus said He’s asleep. Sleep means you’re able to be recovered, you’re able to be awoken. Jesus would not speak death over Him.

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Never speak death over your situation because God wants to raise it. Also, pray for one another. They were praying for their brother. Pray for one another. And then here’s the final thing, always hold on to the promises of God. Jesus sent them a promise. He said that sickness is not on a death. Hold on to that. Always hold on. If you will carry the promise of God, the promise of God will carry you. Praise God. I’m out of time. God bless you. Thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. Amen.

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