

The Miracles of Jesus

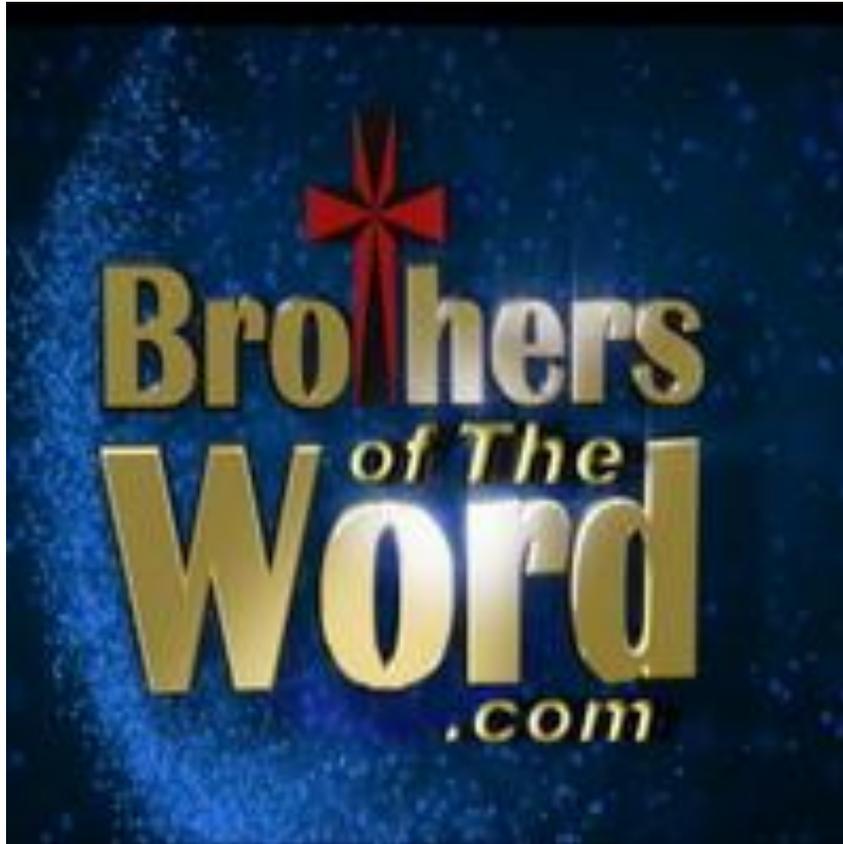
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And now for 7830, "The Miracles of Jesus," Part 15.

C. Elijah Bronner: Well, thank you for joining Brothers of the Word, because brother, you need the word. We welcome all of you joining us via television and those of you joining us online, in brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live, welcome to today's service. Always a wonderful delight and joy to have you to tune in and join us.

We'd like to share (00:01:26), a Sunday school teacher, he's concerned that his students might be a little confused about Jesus. So, he asks his class, "Where is Jesus today?" Steven raises his hand and says, "He's in heaven." Mary answers, "He's in my heart." Little Johnny waves his hands furiously and blurs out, "He is in our bathroom." The surprised teacher asked little Johnny how he know this. Well, little Johnny says, "Every morning, my father gets up, he bangs on the bathroom door and yells, "Jesus Christ, are you still in there?"

We are sharing the "Miracles of Jesus." This is actually Part 15, The Miracles of Jesus. This is part 15. Open your bibles if you will. I want to look at them and then count. Open the Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 8. The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 8. The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 8, and we're going to reverse this 22 through 26, The Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Mark, Chapter 8 Verse 22 through 26. When you get there, say, "Amen." And let's read together beginning at Verse 22, Mark Chapter 8 Verse 22, it says, "And he come at to Bethsaida and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the blind man by the hand and let him out of town, and when he has spit on his eyes and put his hands upon him, he asked him what he saw, if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, I see man as he's walking. After then he put his hands again upon his eyes and made him look up and he was restored,

and saw every man clearly. He sent him away to his house saying neither go into the town, nor tell it to anyone in the town.”

And so, this is Part 15, were looking at “The Miracles of Jesus.” This is Part 15. This particular miracle is extremely unique, it’s extremely unique, it’s the only miracle of his kind in recorded in scripture. Jesus, he did something completely different, just to show us that you can’t put God in the box, his methods are not always the same. He can accomplish the same and, but his methods can be different, the can very, this is actually called the scripture, is called the “Manifold Wisdom of God.”

Manifold means that is variety, many colors, many kinds, many methods. Manifold means is a rich variety. And so, this is a way Jesus operates and this is a way God operates. You can’t look at one miracle and say, “This is how God will do it because he can use a completely different method of operation on another miracle. And so, God, He actually uses unique different things and a lot of times, it’s based on the person, because we received things according to our faith. So, a lot of times, God will customized His experiences based on the individual, so based on the person, based on that person’s faith, the miracle will unfold to address them, the way that they are believing. And so, that’s why we begin to see different colors, different varieties.

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I just love it you know, with Jesus is never boring. He’s always something different and He knows what we need, He knows what each individual need and so the miracles changes, the way that He operates changes, the way that he deals with people, it changes. And so, this was a very, very unique miracle. Very, very unique miracle. It’s a first time He ever spits on somebody. It’s the first time that He ever had to touch somebody twice.

This miracle was different than all other miracles and it shows the uniqueness of God, it shows that we are unique. No one has the same fingerprint, and because you don’t have the same fingerprint, neither did you have the same imprint when you touch something. We all have a different fingerprints and we all live a different imprint on the earth. And so, I believe God deals with us, uniquely, and he caters to the individual based on how we believe, based on our level of faith according to our faith that

Jesus said on many occasion just as you have believe it, it would be done unto you.

And so, that's why we see a one man just as saying a word, somebody else say, "You come and lay your hands." And Jesus did it exactly the way they were believe for. And so, he operated differently based on the individual's faith. And so, I just love the uniqueness that God customizes our inspiration based on our faith, based on what we believe in, He customizes the experience to us. But it also just shows the fact that God can do anything. It just shows that you can't figure him out. The Scripture says that his ways are path to finding out. His greatness is unsearchable.

So, just when you trail God and think you get Him all figured out, He will slide in a completely different you never thought of. That's why He's God, that's why He's God. Now, His principles never changed, His words never changed, His nature never changes but the methods, changed. His methods of operations are often times unique. They're new. They're different.

And so, I just loved that it adds to the spice of life. It adds to the spice of life. God is not boring. He is not boring. He's exciting and he makes life interesting, He makes our experiences interesting with him. And so, (00:07:42) with this particular miracle, is a unique miracle, very interesting.

Now notice in Verse 22, when Jesus came the Bethsaida, and they bring a blind man unto Him. Everybody say, "They". But notice this, this blind man, he didn't do it on his own. Now, we saw some other miracles with the blind man use their own faith. We saw Bartimaeus and a couple other blind man, they yelled out and got Jesus attention on their own, not this blind man. This blind man, was more passive. He was passive, he was different.

The people who brought this blindman, this blindman seemed to be sort of shying away from Him. He wasn't looking to get any attention, He wasn't looking really to have an encounter. You can kind of feel they brought him. They were kind of prodding him along. They brought him to Jesus and it also let's us know that we can use our faith to help others. We can believe for others, we can pray for other people, we can encourage other people, we can bring out the people to church. That's what they did. They brought him Christ, We can bring people to Christ. We can use

our faith for others. We can use our faith for others. So, we can help others,

You'll always need the help of others, as well as you, yourself will have to help others. That's constant in life. You'll always need the help of others, and you, yourself, will have to help others. I like something that John Maxwell said. He said, "In order to connect with others more," he said, "Focus on people. Be aware, be attentive. Focus on people." He said, "Show others that you care. Focus on people, show others that you care. Be generous. Be generous. Walk slowly through the crowd. Walk slowly through the crowd."

Take the time to notice people. Everybody has a story. Everybody has a story and people are going through different things. Often times we're so busy, we don't notice people any longer. Take the time to you have a little humanity to listen to another person's story. Show people that you care. Be generous. Walks slowly through the crowd. Remember a person's name. That means a lot when you can remember somebody's name. Remember a person's name and be likeable, be likeable.

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Those are some keys to help us to connect with others. He also said that people are insecure, give them confidence. People like to feel special, sincerely compliment them. People look for a better tomorrow, show them hope. People need to be understood, listen to them. People lack direction, navigate for them. People are selfish, speak to their needs first. People get emotionally low, encourage them.

So, those are some tips we learn to connect with people because I like this, they brought this man to Jesus. So, the collective effort of other people who took interest in this man's life. They wanted to see this man's life changed and they brought him to Jesus. Thank God for the "they." Are you a part of the "they?" Who have you brought to Jesus? When's the last time you shared your testimony with somebody? When's the last time you invited somebody to church? When's the last time you've reached out to somebody else, brought him into God's Kingdom?

We are part of the "they." We are part of the "they." They, they brought him to Jesus. They brought him to Jesus. They brought

him to Jesus. They brought him to Jesus. People want to be associated with success, help them win. People desire meaningful relationships, provide community. People seek models to follow, be an example. Help to bring out the best in people. The B is for believe in them. The E is for encourage them. The S is for share with them. The T is for Trust them. Help bring out the best in others.

Look at Verse 23, notice this, in Verse 23, “And Jesus took the blind man by the hand.” Took him by the hand, I love that. This is literally the hand of God, reaching down, to bring him out. The hand of God reaches down to bring us out, to bring us out of despair, to bring us out of hopelessness, to bring us out of discouragement, to bring us out of depression, to bring us out of a slump, or to bring us out of the dumps, to bring us out of a bad situation. The hand of God reaches down to bring us out. Jesus reached out and grabbed him by the hand. It’s a picture of God himself reaching down to grab us by the hand, to bring us out of a low place. That’s the hand of God, that’s a hand of God. Jesus reached and grabbed his hand.

He used his Hand, the hand of God. This is emblematic of the hand of God and when you look at the hand of God, the hand of God is symbolic of the five-full ministry. The five full ministry is seen in the hand. The thumb is the office of the apostle. It governs, it has the ability to touch all the other fingers, all the other offices, the thumb can touch all the other offices. The apostle can stand in all of the other offices in the five full ministry and the apostle governs.

And then the index finger represents the Prophet, he points, he guides. The Apostle governs, the prophet guides, he points direction. Then that third finger there, the longest finger is the ministry of the Evangelist. The Evangelist, he gathers. The Evangelist gathers, the Apostle governs and the Prophet, he guides. And then the Evangelist gathers, he gathers. And then the ring finger is the Pastor. He’s married to the church. The pastor is there to guard. He guards the church. And so, you have the Apostle that governs. You have the prophet that guides. You have the Evangelist that gathers. You have the pastor that guards.

And then that little finger there is the Teacher. It’s the smallest because that’s what sometimes we get the least of. And the little

finger is the only one that can get into your ear. That's the teacher, the teacher. So, the little finger is the teacher and it grounds, it grounds. So, everybody say govern, guide, gathers, guards, and grounds. That's the five-full ministry. The Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist, the Pastor and the Teacher. That is the hand of God. That is the hand of God.

And so, the hand of God reached and grabbed this man by the hand. That's the work of the ministry, the work of the ministry, to pull people out. To pull people out of despair and pull people out of destruction, pull people out of hopelessness, to pull people out of bondage.

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That happens through the work of the ministry, through the five-full gifting of the ministry. So, that's the hand of the Lord. And notice this, Jesus let them, Jesus let them. Jesus himself let them, not the people that brought him. Jesus took him by the hand. Jesus let him. I love that, Jesus let him, Jesus let him. Jesus was a leader and that's what leaders do, they lead. Leaders know the way. Leaders show the way. Leaders go the way.

Jesus didn't say, "Go on." He said, "Come on." He grabbed him by the hand and let him. And so, Jesus shows us leadership principles there. Jesus always leads us to something better. He leads us to something brighter. Jesus always leads us to something more significant. Jesus always leads us to something good. So, when Jesus grabs you by the hand, and He leads you. You better believe you're going somewhere exciting. You're going somewhere to make a difference. You're going somewhere to have something exciting happen in your life, when Jesus is leading you by the hand. When Jesus leads us, you better believe it's a good destination. It's a great place He's taking us to. He has a plan for us. He's provided for us and He is good and He loves, so He's always leading us somewhere that's beneficial, when He leads us.

So, Jesus grabbed Him by the hand. Jesus was leading. I liked that, not the other people who brought Him. Jesus himself took over to lead him where. He guides, He provides. Where He leads, He feeds. Jesus led Him. That's a leadership principle there. Now notice this, He led him out of town. Now, he wasn't leading Him out of town for privacy reasons because if He needed privacy, He could've carried him to somebody's house. He could have just

gone to somebody's house and use a bedroom or a den or something. He could have used a private room. So, it wasn't privacy that He was looking for. He let him out of town because this city was no good. This city was literally, in a sense it was cursed. And if you want to read about it, you can read about it over in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 11, Verse 21, Jesus, He made harsh reprimand of three cities, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum.

The reason Jesus was so angry with these three cities is because He had done His major miracles in these three places. He had done His mighty work in these three cities, Chorazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum. He had done all of His mighty miracles in those three places, yet the people would not repent. They wouldn't change, they wouldn't give their hearts, they wouldn't follow. And so, Jesus was basically at that point, Jesus had wiped his feet from those three cities. He had wiped his feet, if you despise the favors of Christ, then His favors will be there no longer for you to despise. If you don't want any part of God, then God will excuse Himself. He will never force Himself on you, and that's what Jesus did. He said, "Okay, if you all don't want any of my miracles then I won't do any more miracles here." Jesus led him out of town. He refused to do it there in that city. The city was no longer worthy for it, not another miracle to be worked because they had rejected. They wouldn't repent, they wouldn't change. Jesus' compassion was still there but His compassion led him out of town. He said, I'll help this one but we're not going to do it in this place.

And it lets us know how important environment is and atmosphere. It is so important. You have to be in the right atmosphere. You can be in the wrong atmosphere. It can hinder your life, who you are around, situations you are around, the people you are around, the things you are around can affect your life. And so, Jesus had to get him to a place where He can think on another level and believe on another level, be surrounded by a different environment. And so, Jesus changed His environment in order to take Him to another place. And so sometimes, you have to leave where you are to get around something that's better, something's that's brighter, something's that's higher because it actually influences your very life. And Jesus had to change this man's position and take him somewhere where he can be stretched, take him somewhere where he could grow. He had to take him somewhere where he can be changed. He had to take

him somewhere, where he could be exposed to something different.

Sometimes you have to go other places to expose yourself to something bigger and better than what you've experienced before. That's what causes us or inspires us to change a lot of times.

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You got to go see somebody who is doing it better than you've ever seen before. It does something to you, it makes vision leap on the inside of you. Remember, this man was blind. He had no vision because he was stuck in a place where there was nothing going on.

He was stuck in a place where everything had become routinely bad. And so, Jesus wanted to open his eyes and give him a new vision for life. He had to expose him to something greater. He had to expose him to greater levels, he had to expose him to a better environment. He had to take him somewhere higher and better, so Jesus led him out of town by the hand. He had to get him away from all of that unbelief and unrepentant, and all of this rebellious, stubborn. He had to get him out of that spirit and take him somewhere that would be conducive for a miracle to take place.

And so, God often times, He takes us into another atmosphere. That's why I like something that Tryon Edwards said; he says, "People never improve unless they look to some standard or example, higher or better than themselves." So, you have to expose yourself to greater things to inspire. You have to visit great places and attend great events, be around with great people, read great books.

So, you have to surround yourself with another level if you want to go to another level. Every day, I like -- there's somebody said this, "Every day you live, you're in the process of becoming, whether you're becoming better or worst it depends on what you give yourself to."

Every day you're in the process of becoming, whether you're becoming better or worst depends on what you give yourself to. So, every day you have a choice because you're going to become

better or you're going to become worse depending on what give yourself to on that particular day.

And then notice this, in Verse 23, Jesus spit on his eyes. Jesus have never done that before. It's unorthodox. That speaks of innovation, that speaks of being a pioneer, that speaks of being a trailblazer, that never been done, never been heard of.

Jesus wasn't afraid to do new things, unique things, different things. Spit on his eyes. He spit on his eyes and the spittle is your DNA; Jesus was regening him. He was giving him his identity in Christ. This man probably had low self-esteem because he's been led around all of his life and Jesus was regening him. He was now giving him new self-worth.

Jesus was giving him his identity because DNA is in your saliva. Spit on his eyes, isn't that something man to have God's DNA, used as the (00:22:50). The very DNA of God rub in his eyes. It changed him. It changed him. It changed him. That's a picture of us who we becoming Christ Jesus.

You're not the same, you're a new man now. The old man died, you become a new creature in Christ. All things have passed away and behold all things have become new. You've been regenerated by the Holy Ghost, His breath, His spirit, and His life, and His nature into you. You're a new man now. You're a new man now. Praise God.

I'm not the only one getting excited. That excited me right now. Oh man, that's exciting. Praise God. I'm closing. I just want to share this last point.

When Jesus laid hands on him, Jesus asked the man what he saw and the man said, "I see, man, that he's walking." So, the first time Jesus touched him, it did not completely heal him. Jesus had to touch him a second time. I think that let us know that first of all concerning the area of healing that a lot of times healing can be progressive; you get better and better.

And so, what's important they keep the switch of faith turned on because your body can get progressively better and better and better. So, that's what it's important to say, "Every day I'm getting better and better in every way." That you can

progressively get better, and that's what exactly what happened.

This was the only healing that I have come across where it was progressive, it was in stages. It wasn't all (00:24:22) it was in stages.

He saw a little bit better, Jesus touch him again and it cleared up. So, it was a progressive miracle. Let's know that, you're able to get better and better. The people of God, the Bible says that for the people of God, your path is brighter and brighter. Every day is a little better than a day before. It's a progressive relationship, even our spiritual vision and insight, perception and the way we perceive things and our perspective, it gets better and better. The longer and the more we walk with Christ, you don't see things clearly the first time. Some things you got to walk in for and then you start seeing it clearly and you have more understanding and more light comes.

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Well, that's what happened with this man. It wasn't clear the first time but it progressively got better and better, and our spiritual walk, it becomes clearer and our understanding gets clearer and clearer. We understand more and more.

The path of the just gets brighter and brighter. Gets brighter and brighter. Every day with God is better than the day before; it's a progressive relationship. And I believe that's what Jesus illustrates you when he touched him and he healed this man on gradual stages, he get better and better. Praise God, praise God. Give the Lord a hand, I'm done. I am done, I am done.

Oh man, what a unique miracle, what a unique miracle. I just believe that God wants to say to us that, "I want to do some new things. I want to do some different things. I want to --."

You know, if life has become stale and if it has become boring and you got stuck in your old ways, you no longer believing for anything new or different, or better. I think he uses this miracle to say, "No, I can do new things."

Nobody's ever heard or seen, "I do something new and unique and creative in your life. I'll do something miraculous. I'll do

something miraculous that -- I can do more than you ever dreamed of or imagine or thought. I can do more.”

He is so creative and He brings freshness and newness and He doesn't want you to be staled and bored and the same old, same old. No, He wants to lead you out of town. Take it to a new place, give you a new vision.

He wants to give a fresh (00:26:39) life. He wants to give you a fresh anointing. He wants to give you a fresh vision. He doesn't lead us in the same old place. Praise God, praise God.

Well, I'm asking you to stand in your feet. Those of you who are joining us by internet, online at brothersoftheword.com or Facebook Live, thank you for being with us, we love you and thank you for joining us today at Brothers of the Word because you need the word.

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