

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,  
and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

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#### FOR THE RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	20
Sunday AM Worship	35
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## How Are We Saved? The Bible Answer

### Provision Made:

- **Blood of Christ** - Col.1:20; 1Pet.1:18ff
- **Shed for all** - Heb.2:9; Rom.6:10
- **Message given** - Titus 2:11-14; 1Pet.1:22ff

### Response Necessary by Us:

- **Hear the gospel** - John 6:44-45; Mk.16:15
- **Believe it** - Mk.16:16; John 3:16
- **Repent of sins** - Lk.13:3; Acts 2:38
- **Confess faith** - Rom.10:10
- **Be baptized** - Acts 22:16; Rom.6:3-7

**God Has Done His Part - Have You Done Yours??**



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#### **Times of Services:**

##### Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am  
AM Worship:...11:00am  
PM Worship:...6:00pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

##### Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

##### Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am  
"Back to the Bible"  
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## **THE RECORDED MIRACLES OF JESUS**

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In the last two verses of John chapter 20, it is written, "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." What lessons can be learn about Jesus' miracles from these familiar words?

Jesus did signs. In the Bible, the word "sign" is often used interchangeably with the word "miracle." A miracle was a sign, and a sign was a miracle. After Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, some correctly referred to it as a "miracle" (John 11:47). Nicodemus, though he was not an open follower of Jesus at the time, admitted that Jesus did "miracles" (John 3:2). In one instance John wrote about Jesus doing "miracles" (John 2:23), but he also called them "signs," as we read in our text (John 20:30). The Greek word from which we get the word "miracle" literally meant power, while "sign" pointed to the fact that the power was a demonstration – a demonstration to get people's attention.

Yes, Jesus did real signs. Folks, that is a historical fact that no scoffer or atheistic college professor can change. Jesus' signs were not make believe. They were not fake. They were not some form of deception by which Jesus' hand was quicker

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than the eye. They were not legends or fables. They were genuine demonstrations of divine power. His signs bore witness of Him, showing that the Father sent Him (John 5:36). Thank God that He gave us a record of them in His book! We still marvel at the miracles of the Christ, though we have heard and read about them over and over. They never lose their “punch!” Let us look further at our text.

Jesus did many signs. Not just a couple or a few, but “many.” Even Jesus’ adversaries made this confession about Him: “. . . this man doeth many miracles” (John 11:47). Jesus’ signs were both many in number as well as many in kind. He did a wide variety of miracles in a wide variety of places under a wide variety of circumstances. The multitude and quality of His signs left no doubt that He was, indeed, Whom He claimed to be!

Jesus did signs that others saw. The text of John 20:30 says that He did them in the presence of His disciples. Other Bible texts indicated that on numerous occasions, multitudes were witnesses to His wonders. The fact that they were done in someone’s presence was an indication that they were open to investigation and scrutiny. The way of the Christ was not proclaimed “in secret” (John 18:20), nor were His signs “done in a corner” (Acts 26:26). Don’t you know that if someone could have discredited the signs of Jesus, it would have been done in the 1st century?! Let not your heart be troubled: the signs of Jesus’ pass all tests! Jesus’ did real signs, He did many signs, and He did them for others to see and investigate. No loud-mouthed blasphemer of our day could ever overturn those historical truths.

Jesus’ signs are recorded in the Bible for a purpose. What is that? Here is God’s answer: “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” (John 20:31). God wanted Jesus’ signs recorded in order to cause readers of the Bible to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Well, what would be God’s motive in wanting us to believe in His Son? “That ye might have life through his name.” There you go – we have a record of Jesus’ signs as part of God’s message to save souls from sin, that is, to give life to those who were dead in sin. Brothers and sisters, do not brush off the signs of the Master. Do not skim over them or rush through them. They are part of God’s scheme to redeem us! They are written down to cause us to believe and to keep on strengthening our faith.

Not every sign that Jesus did when He lived on the earth is recorded in the Bible. That is what the Bible says, right? “And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book” (John 20:30). Well, why not? Why is it that we do not have a record of every single sign that Jesus did? First of all, there were just too many of them (John 21:25). Second, those that are recorded are sufficient – they give clear proof that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah, the Son of the living God, just as He claimed.

By the Holy Spirit, John recorded signs of Jesus in order to produce faith in the hearts of Bible readers. Thanks be to God for those signs, His record of them, and their power to produce soul-saving faith.

## Where Are You Going?

A quaint inscription was found on a gravestone in an old British cemetery not far from Windsor Castle. It read:

Pause, my friend, as you walk by;  
As you are now, so once was I.  
As I am now, so you will be.  
Prepare, my friend, to follow me!

A visitor read that epitaph and added these lines:  
To follow you is not my intent,  
Until I know which way you went!

That is a good thought, isn’t it? Where are you going when life ends?

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*"A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom. The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. Riches profit not in the day of wrath: but righteousness delivereth from death. The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way: but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: but transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness" (Proverbs 11:1-6)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- June 25 – Prayer Service
- July 2 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Bible Class after Evening Worship
- July 9 – Preach & Eat & 1:30 Worship Service
- July 20-22 – Barn Meeting in Lansing – 7:00 pm (Robert Taylor speaking Thur-Fri)
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell