

Testimony of the Miracles

TEXT: John 20:30-31; John 5:36

INTRODUCTION:

- A. JOHN'S PURPOSE AND THEME - EVIDENCE - TESTIMONY.
- B. BEST TESTIMONY IS DIVINE. GOD TESTIFIES(**John 5:37**).
- C. DIVINE TESTIMONY MANIFESTS ITSELF IN 5 WAYS:
 - 1. Miracles.
 - 2. His life and teaching
 - 3. Fulfillment of prophecy.
 - 4. The resurrection.
 - 5. Testimony of the Holy Spirit.
- D. WE WANT TO CONSIDER GOD'S TESTIMONY THROUGH MIRACLES.

I. THREE WORDS SIGNIFY THE MIRACULOUS.

- A. **SIGN** - "Of miracles and wonders by which God authenticates the men sent by him" (**Thayer**). Not always miracles(**John 20:30-31**).
- B. **WONDER** - "Miracle performed by anyone"(**Thayer**). Used only once(**4:48**).
- C. **POWER** - "Power residing in a thing or person by virtue of its nature... specifically, the power of performing miracles"(**Thayer**). Not used in John.
- D. **WORKS** - "An act, deed, thing done. Of sundry or signal acts of Christ to rouse men to believe in him and to accomplish their salvation"(**Thayer**). To John, Christ's signs are simply works of God.
 - a. Teaching(**7:21**).
 - b. Of God(**9:4**).
 - c. Many good works(**10:32**).
 - d. Words(**14:10**).

II. THE TESTIMONY TO THE SIGNS.

- A. NICODEMUS(**John 3:2**).
- B. THE JEWISH MULTITUDES(**John 7:31; 11:45; 12:18-19**).
- C. THE PHARISEES(**11:47-48**).

III. THE TESTIMONY OF THE SIGNS.

- A. WATER INTO WINE AT CANA OF GALILEE(**John 2:1-11**).
 - 1. Power to create.
 - 2. Master of quality.
- B. HEALS NOBLEMAN'S SON(**4:46-54**).
 - 1. Power over distance.
- C. HEALS A LAME MAN(**5:1-9**).
 - 1. Power over sickness and disease.
 - 2. Power over time. Lame for 38 years.
- D. FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND(**6:1-14**).
 - 1. Power over material things.
 - 2. Provider of all physical blessing(**John 6:35; James 1:17**).
- E. WALKS ON WATER(**6:16-21**)
 - 1. Power over natural law.
- F. HEALS THE MAN BORN BLIND(**9:1-12**).
 - 1. The giver of light(**vs. 5**).
 - 2. Spiritual light(**John 8:12**).
- G. RAISES LAZARUS(**11:31-44**).
 - 1. Power over life and death(**5:24-29; 11:25-26**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. **John 20:30-31.**
- B. THE WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE FROM THE SIGNS - TO US - IS IN EFFECT UPON THOSE WHO BEHELD THEM. JOHN WAS MADE TO BELIEVE THROUGH THAT WHICH HE SAW; HE PRESENTS THIS THAT ALL MIGHT BELIEVE.
- C. **John 10:37-38.**