

JESUS STILL MOVES

We serve a risen Saviour who still moves in this world and He will resurrect you or anything in your life today.

KEY POINTS

- ❖ All through the Old Testament are many prophecies concerning the Messiah.
- ❖ When John the Baptist needed confirmation about Jesus, he sent his disciples to ask Him if He was the "Coming One" or should they look for another. Jesus told them to "Go and tell John the things you hear and see." (See John 7:22; Matthew 11:4-6).
- ❖ What was significant about the actions Jesus did during His Ministry? To answer this question, let's look at various miracles Jesus did, which not only reveal the truth about His identity but also highlight some of His character and the significance of His public ministry.
- ❖ Matthew, Mark and Luke record the healing of a leprous man. When the man made a request to be cleansed, Jesus said, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately the leprosy was gone, as the Bible tells us in Luke 5:12-13.
- ❖ What this leper did was illegal; he should have been stoned or beaten. Lepers, the outcasts of society, were required to keep as far away from all healthy people as possible, as they had a contagious disease.
- ❖ But Jesus, having compassion for this man, stretched out his hand and healed him.
- ❖ He also healed ten lepers who came to Him. He sent them to see the Priest, who, according to the law of Moses, would determine if their leprosy was cleansed. They were all healed on their way to the priest.
- ❖ Jesus was giving the Priest and the Sanhedrin (a group of religious leaders) hints of His Messiah-ship. He displayed His deity, sovereignty and compassion for people when He miraculously healed this incurable disease called leprosy.
- ❖ In John 9:1-12 we see the healing miracle of a man that was born blind. Because Hebrew scholars taught that birth defects were a punishment from God for the sins of a child or his ancestors (see Exodus 34:7, 4:11), the disciples asked Jesus, "Who sinned, this man or his parents?"
- ❖ Jesus said, "Neither this man or his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him" (John 9:3). Then He spat on the ground, made clay, put it on the man's eyes and told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The blind man went...washed... and came back seeing.
- ❖ Here is a significant point in this story: the Pharisees, "Moses' disciples", basically shrugged off this miracle.
- ❖ While the Pharisees were left in their blind state (spiritually), the man received not only physical, but also spiritual sight, saying to Jesus, "Lord, I believe;" and he worshipped Jesus right there (v 38).
- ❖ Jesus accepted that worship in the presence of the Pharisees, indicating to them that He was owning His Messiahship.

KEY SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:18-21

- ❖ The miraculous work of casting out demons was not uncommon in Jesus' day. The formula used required the person casting out the demon to: 1) Communicate with the demon by asking its name; and 2) Use the name given to cast out the demon(s).
- ❖ But when Jesus encountered a blind and mute demon, the Jewish formula could not be used because communication wasn't possible (see Matt. 12:22-23; Mark 7:31-37, 9:14-29). But what was impossible with men was possible with God. The man was delivered and healed.
- ❖ The resurrection of Lazarus in John 11 was a pivotal moment for the Son of Man. This was the first time He prayed before performing a miracle. He had told His disciples that Lazarus' sickness was for the glory of God and assured Martha, Lazarus' sister, that her brother would rise again, declaring Himself to be "the resurrection and the life" (v 25). After that prayer, after Jesus cried out "Lazarus, come forth!" Lazarus came.
- ❖ Lazarus was not the only person Jesus raised from the dead. He also raised a young girl, as well as the only son of a widow (see Luke 8:40-56, 7:11-15).
- ❖ Jesus knew His purpose and was not distracted from it. His ultimate goal was to give His life for the sins of mankind. His life was a ransom for our sins and the penalty was paid when He was crucified on a cross. He was buried in a tomb but on the third day He rose again, fulfilling prophecy.
- ❖ We serve a risen Saviour who still moves in our lives, in our homes, in our churches, and in this world. He will resurrect you or anything in your life today. Jesus still moves.

DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Have you or someone you know ever felt "leprous"—unclean or an outcast—in your/their life? What did you do or what advice did you give to lift yourself/others from this mindset?
2. Have you ever had an infirmity that made you wonder if it was a result of sin? If comfortable, share what that infirmity was and how healing took place. (Do you still think it was a result of sin or for the glory of God?)
3. Were there things resurrected or put to death in your life when you gave your life to Christ? What were they and how did these things living/dying help in your walk with God?




PRAYER TIME




Thank You, Lord, that You are still moving, still healing, still providing, and still showing Yourself strong in this chaotic world we are living in.

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NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

 (Reminds me/Confirms)
  (New idea)
  (Think about)

 (Do this)
  (Speaks to my heart)
  (Must share)

PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

Start-up: During this time of self-isolation, what are the things you do to keep moving, to keep busy?

Go deeper with your Life Group family.
CONNECT-REFLECT-DISSECT THE WORD
Your Life Group ~ Your Lifeline