

KEEP IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT

CHRISTIANITY: THE RELIGION OF MIRACLES

John 20:30-31

Lesson without caveat or “Yabut”

ATTENTION: “Whet Your Appetite” this morning

I fear our theology is forcing us to live without the wonder of living in a world where God is present and involved!

- Yes! We believe in miracles!
 - Absolutely!
 - Christianity is a religion of miracles.
 - Take miraculous out of our faith = left with nothing but a set of powerless ethical instructions
 - No power to change the heart.
 - Christianity becomes just another religion.
 - We have no good news to share with the world.
 - The Bible is no longer the Word of God - just another book.
- Central miracle of Christian faith = Incarnation
 - God became a man.
 - The Creator became part of the creation.
 - The infinite - *forever existing one* became flesh.
 - That Almighty God took on the form of a man.
 - The eternal one was born as a tiny baby.
 - You can't talk about God without talking about Jesus!

ATTUNE:

- We passionately pray for miracles to occur.
 - Understanding that God works according to His own will
 - We pray for:
 - Healing, Rescue, Providing, Intervention, Forgiveness
 - We cannot predict miracles even as we wait in faith for God's sovereign will to play out.
 - We don't question the power of God to work amazing miracles today.
 - He's God - *He can break into our world any time he chooses to do so!*

- The issue is with the sovereign plan of God for our lives.
 - The question is not, do we believe in miracles?
 - Will we give God control, miracles and all?

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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²⁵ And there are also many other things that Jesus did, which, if every one of them were written down, I suppose not even the world itself could contain the books that would be written.

John 21:25

- What is the plan of God for each of us sitting here this morning?
 - I don't know.
 - But whatever it is it requires of us that we:
 - Depend on Him
 - Trust Him
 - Rely on Him
 - Join Him where He is already working