

“If You Believe, You Will See the Glory of God”

Intro: It is our joy this Lord’s Day to read and reflect upon the _____ and last of the major sign _____ worked by Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John.

A. While each and every miracle plainly demonstrated the truth of _____, that He is the _____, no miracle so clearly and undeniably demonstrated His Deity as His _____ the _____ man Lazarus to life again.

B. John 20:30-31 says, “Many other signs therefore Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but _____ have been _____ that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may _____ in His name.”

C. As recorded in the Book of John, we have before us this day the seventh and final miraculous work achieved by Jesus: the _____ of Lazarus from the _____. If you have not yet come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, then let the truth of this miracle as recorded here in the Written Word of God bring you to _____, that He is the Christ!

I. Being deeply moved with compassion and grief, _____ to the tomb of Lazarus to work His Father’s will.

A. With a imperative command Jesus said, “_____!”

1. _____, being ever practical, raised an _____ to the Lord’s command saying that after four days her brother’s decomposing body would smell very bad.

B. At the point of her objection Jesus reminded her saying, “Martha, ‘Did I not say to you, if you _____, you will _____ the _____ of God?”

1. The Lord _____ Martha’s attention away from the hopelessness of her dead brother _____ the _____ found in the Living God.

2. William Hendriksen wrote, “Of course, Jesus cannot have meant that the performance of the miracle was dependant upon Martha’s exercise of faith. What He intended to convey was this, that if Martha would only stop thinking about that corpse and would rivet her attention on Jesus, _____ completely in _____ (His power and His love), she would _____ this miracle as a true sign, an illustration and proof of the _____ of God reflected in the Son of God.”

C. We have said it before and here we have it in our Lord’s own word: Contrary to man’s fallen thought pattern, seeing is not believing, but _____!

1. If you will _____ then you will _____ the _____ of God in all things for the Scriptures says, “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen” (Rom 11:36).

D. Upon hearing the Lord (and apparently without another word resistance from Martha), they removed the stone as the Lord instructed and the _____ was _____.

II. After they moved the stone Jesus _____ His eyes _____.

A. Then He said, " _____, _____ that Thou heardest Me."

1. Between the Father and the Son this matter had _____ been prayed over and settled. Perfect communion between the Father and Son had already taken place therefore, Jesus could say that His Father had already _____ Him. Jesus knew that Lazarus illness wasn't for the purpose of his "death, but for the _____ of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

2. In His prayer Jesus referred to God as His Father. Thus, Jesus claimed to be the Son of God. He did this for the _____ of those who observed for the miracle He was about to work would authenticate all His claims, and perhaps the people standing there would _____ that He is who He says He is: the Son of God sent by His Father to be the _____ of the world.

B. Having completed His prayer and the explanation of His thanksgiving, _____ cried with a loud voice of authority saying, "Lazarus, come forth."

1. When Christ said, "Lazarus, come forth!" Lazarus _____!

2. Upon hearing to voice of _____ the Lord, Lazarus could do nothing but obey! Christ quickened Lazarus' brain to respond. _____ opened his ears! Christ renewed his strength and put life in his blood! At the command of _____ life came again to Lazarus! Is there any doubt now, that _____ the _____, sent by the Heavenly Father to be the Savior of the world? Indeed, He is the Lamb of God who takes way the sin of the world!

3. In this miracle we see that _____ the Christ, and in Him we gain the hope of _____ and the promise of everlasting _____.

C. The Lord instructed the _____ to _____ him.

1. Gerald Borchert writes, "The very mourners who _____ [Jesus] were agents in the completion of the miracle. In their participation the mourners in fact became part of the sign and therefore were _____ to the power of Jesus."

Closing: While the applications are numerous, I can only address the reason for which the Holy Spirit inspired John to record this miracle and that is: that we would _____ and gain everlasting life.

Will you believe in Jesus? John the Beloved, an eye-witness of these miracles made this record of them that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing we may _____ in His name."

_____ believe in Jesus? If you will, you will perceive the glory of God for He will save you from your sin, and with the promise of the resurrection, He will raise you up to eternal life.

The Scripture says, "... "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And _____ will _____" (Eph 5:14).