

Jesus & You, Jesus and Lazarus:

The miracle of life

08/30/2020 Sermon

1. Miracle of Life

- a. When you think of the term “Miracle of Life”, what comes to mind?
- b. Most people think of a baby being born. Truly a miracle. What about these:
- c. Soldier coming home, waterfall, sunrise sunset, big full moon, scuba, kids’ accomplishments, wildlife sighting on a walk, looking at a city’s skyline, the Grand Canyon, Flowers, a garden or a farm at harvest, dolphins in the ocean, watching a storm move in, lightning, hummingbirds, LOVE

2. Read John 11 and Mark 5. Let’s look at the reactions of 4 groups to the “miracle of life”:

- a. The dead person. How do you think Lazarus (and Jairus’s daughter) felt upon being brought back to life? How did you feel when you were made alive in Christ, coming up out of the waters of baptism? Take the grave clothes off: let’s remember to leave our old lives behind.
- b. Jesus. What do you think Jesus’s reaction was to raising someone from the dead? What do you think he did the moment he felt the person’s spirit return to them? Did he merely smile and back away (to let their loved ones embrace the person)? We can be sure that Jesus had the reaction that he generally has: LOVE. How can we love like Jesus this week?
- c. The skeptics. Martha had doubts about her brother being raised from the dead (John 11:23-24), the mourners at Jairus’s house laughed at Jesus when he said the girl was merely asleep (Mark 5:40). Do we look at situations and say “Nothing is impossible for God”, or do we try to use human reasoning and calculations to determine whether or not to be faithful?
- d. The family and friends. People were amazed and astonished when Jesus raised the dead. What do you think they thought of Jesus after he did these things? Do you think they believed in him and that many committed to follow him after seeing these things? What do you think your response would be? Do you believe that Jesus did the things the Bible says he did? This should give us great faith as well as great commitment to him.

3. Psalms about the greatness of God, the miracle maker

Psalm 7:17	Psalm 9:2	Psalm 13:6	Psalm 21:13
Psalm 30:1-4	Psalm 32:11	Psalm 33:1-3	Psalm 47:1-8
Psalm 59: 16-17	Psalm 63:7	Psalm 65:13	
Psalm 66:1-8	Psalm 68:4-6	Psalm 71:22-23	
Psalm 81.1	Psalm 89.1	Psalm 90.14	

Psalm 92:1-4

Psalm 98:1-9

Psalm 108:1-5

Psalm 145:7

Psalm 95:1

Psalm 104:33,

Psalm 135:3

Psalm 147:1

Psalm 96:1-2,12

Psalm 105:1-5

Psalm 138.5

Psalm 149:1-5