

# SS-Q4-L2 – SIGNS OF DIVINITY

October 5-11, 2024

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Sabbath School Lesson

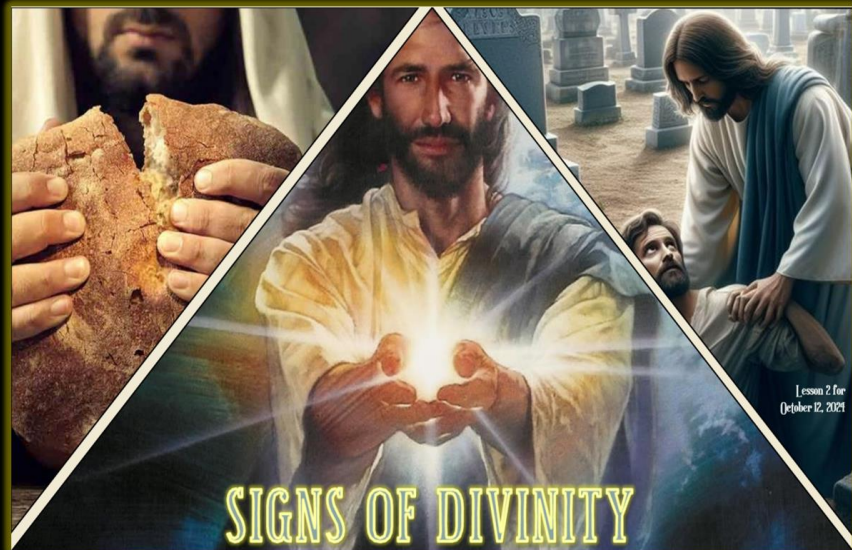
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## Sabbath Afternoon—October 5, 2024

### Scripture Reading for the Week:

[John 6:1-15](#); [Isaiah 53:4-6](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [John 6:26-36](#); [John 9:1-41](#); [1 Corinthians 1:26-29](#); [John 11:1-57](#).

### Thought for Meditation:

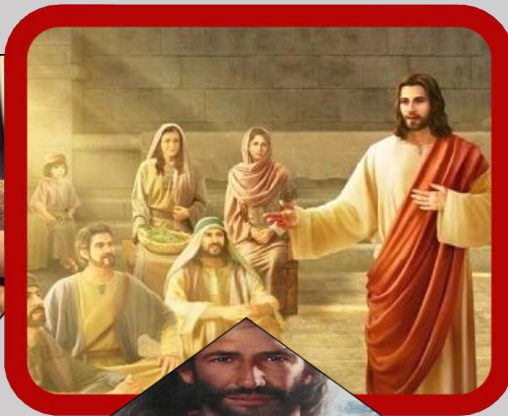
In contemplating the incarnation of Christ in humanity, we stand baffled before an unfathomable mystery, that the human mind cannot comprehend. The more we reflect upon it, the more amazing does it appear. How wide is the contrast between the divinity of Christ and the helpless infant in Bethlehem's manger! How can we span the distance between the mighty God and a helpless child? And yet the Creator of worlds, He in whom was the fullness of the Godhead bodily, was manifest in the helpless babe in the manger. Far higher than any of the angels, equal with the Father in dignity and glory, and yet wearing the garb of humanity! Divinity and humanity were mysteriously combined, and man

and God became one. It is in this union that we find the hope of our fallen race (**Signs of the Times, July 30, 1896**). {LHU 75.6} *Lift Him Up, 1988*

### *Memory Verse*

*“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’ ” (John 11:25-26).*

This week's SS Lesson will investigate the signs and evidence of Christ's Deity. This includes the greatest signs He performed to prove His divinity, and the fulfillment of the prophecy as Messiah as predicted in the Old Testament.



# Outline of the Study

## **I am the Bread of Life**

**Sunday-October 6, 2024**

**The Feeding of the Five Thousand-The Prophet who has to come-John 6:1-15**  
[John 6:1-14](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Deuteronomy 18:15](#); [Isaiah 53:4-6](#); [1 Peter 2:24](#).

**Monday-October 7, 2024**

**Surely, He is the Prophet-The Bread that Come down from Heaven-**  
**John 6:16-36**

[John 6:14-15](#), [26-36](#); [8:12](#); [10:7](#), [9](#), [11](#), [14](#); [11:25](#); [14:6](#); [15:1](#), [5](#); [Exodus 3:1-22](#).

## **I am the Light of the World**

**Tuesday-October 8, 2024**

**The Healing of the Blind Man: Part 1-An Enlightened Life-John 9:1-16**

[John 9:1-41](#); [Exodus 20:5](#); [2 Kings 5:15-27](#); [2 Kings 15:5](#); [2 Chronicles 26:16-21](#);  
[Genesis 2:7](#).

**Wednesday-October 9, 2024**

**The Healing of the Blind Man: Part 2-Choosing darkness-John 9:17-34**

[John 1:14](#); [5:45-46](#); [6:32](#); [9:1-41](#); [1:9-16](#); [3:16-21](#); [6:60-71](#); [1 Corinthians 1:26-29](#).

## **I am the Resurrection of Lazarus-John 11:1-44**

**Thursday-October 10, 2024**

**The Resurrection of Lazarus**

[John 8:12](#); [9:5](#); [11:1-57](#); [20:30-31](#).

**Friday-October 11, 2024**

**Insights and Further Study**

**From the Pen of Inspiration**

**Points to Ponder Upon**

# I am the Bread of Life

**Sunday-October 6, 2024**

**The Feeding of the Five Thousand-The Prophet who was to come-  
John 6:1-15**

[John 6:1-14](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Deuteronomy 18:15](#);  
[Isaiah 53:4-6](#); [1 Peter 2:24](#).

*"After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say,  
"Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world"  
(John 6:14)*



## **Christ Lesson in Economy: Discard Nothing Useful**

There is a lesson for us in the feeding of the five thousand, a lesson that has a special application to those times when we are placed in trying circumstances and are compelled to practice close economy. Having worked the miracle and satisfied the hunger of the multitude, Christ was careful that the food that remained should not be wasted. **{CG 135.2}**

He said to the disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Though He had all the resources of heaven at His command, He would not suffer even a morsel of bread to be wasted. **{CG 135.3}**

Nothing that can be utilized should be thrown away. This will require wisdom, and forethought, and constant care. It has been presented to me that the inability to save, in little things, is one reason why so many families suffer for lack of the necessities of life. **{CG 135.4}** *Child Guidance, 1954*

### **The Demonstration of God's Power that Man is Glorified through Jesus**

In feeding the five thousand, Jesus lifts the veil from the world of nature, and reveals the power that is constantly exercised for our good. In the production of earth's harvests God is working a miracle every day. Through natural agencies the same work is accomplished that was wrought in the feeding of the multitude. Men prepare the soil and sow the seed, but it is the life from God that causes the seed to germinate. It is God's rain and air and sunshine that cause it to put forth, "first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." **Mark 4:28**. It is God who is every day feeding millions from earth's harvest fields. Men are called upon to co-operate with God in the care of the grain and the preparation of the loaf, and because of this they lose sight of the divine agency. They do not give God the glory due unto His holy name. The working of His power is ascribed to natural causes or to human instrumentality. Man is glorified in place of God, and His gracious gifts are perverted to selfish uses, and made a curse instead of a blessing. God is seeking to change all this. He desires that our dull senses shall be quickened to discern His merciful kindness and to glorify Him for the working of His power. He desires us to recognize Him in His gifts, that they may be, as He intended, a blessing to us. It was to accomplish this purpose that the miracles of Christ were performed. **{DA 367.3}** *The Desire of Ages, 1898*

### **God seeks to Change Man's mentality to Discern His Creative Power**

In the Saviour's miracle of feeding the five thousand is illustrated the working of God's power in the production of the harvest. Jesus draws aside the veil from the world of nature and reveals the creative energy that is constantly exercised for our good. In multiplying the seed cast into the ground, He who multiplied the loaves is working a miracle every day. It is by miracle that He constantly feeds millions from earth's harvest fields. Men are called upon to co-operate with Him in the care of the grain and the preparation of the loaf, and because of this they lose sight of the divine agency. The working of His power is ascribed to natural causes or to human instrumentality, and too often His gifts are perverted to selfish uses and made a curse instead of a blessing. God is seeking to change all this.

He desires that our dull senses shall be quickened to discern His merciful kindness, that His gifts may be to us the blessing that He intended. {Ed 107.3} *Education, 1903*

## Consider the Following

- The prophet who was to come. **John 6:1-15.**
- Elisha multiplied the barley loaves, but no one thought he was “the prophet who was to come” (**2 Kings 4:42-44**). Why did the crowd associate Jesus with the prophet (Messiah) announced by Moses after multiplying the loaves?

### (1) **Moses:**

- (a) He brought Israel out of Egypt at Passover (**Ex. 12:12-14, 29-32**)
- (b) He went up to Sinai (**Ex. 34:2**)
- (c) The Israelites were put to the test (**Deut. 8:2-3**)
- (d) He fed them with manna, “angels’ bread” (**Ps. 78:25**)
- (e) He ordered the gathering of manna (**Ex. 16:15-16**)
- (f) He led the 12 tribes of Israel (**Ex. 24:4**)
- (g) He announced the arrival of “the prophet” (**Dt. 18:15**)

### (2) **Jesus**

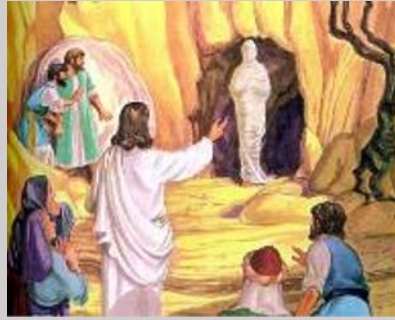
- (a) The Passover was near (**Jn. 6:4**)
- (b) He went up the mountain (**Jn. 6:3**)
- (c) He tested Philip (**Jn. 6:5-6**)
- (d) He multiplied the loaves (**Jn. 6:11**)
- (e) He ordered to collect the leftovers (**Jn. 6:12**)
- (f) 12 baskets were collected (**Jn. 6:13**)
- (g) They recognized him as “the prophet” (**Jn. 6:14**)

## Monday-October 7, 2024

**Surely, He is the Prophet-The Bread that Come down from Heaven-  
John 6:16-36**

[John 6:14-15, 26-36; 8:12; 10:7, 9, 11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5;](#)  
[Exodus 3:1-22.](#)

*“For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world” (John 6:33)*



### **The True Bread from Heaven was Given.**

Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst." {RH, June 1, 1897 par. 3}

### **The Vitalizing Power of the Spirit Sustains the Spirituality of Man**

"Then said Jesus unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from Heaven. For the bread of God is He which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread." Jesus used bread as a figure to illustrate the vitalizing power of his Spirit. The one sustains physical life, while the other satisfies the heart, and strengthens the moral powers. Said he, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not." Those who experience the spiritual union with Christ never hunger for higher enjoyment. All uncertainty is gone, the weary soul finds continual refreshment in the Saviour. The feverish thirst for wealth and honor is gone. He is in them a well of water springing up into everlasting life. **{2SP 276.2}** *The Spirit of Prophecy, volume 2, 1877*



### **The Bread from Heaven Nourishes the Soul unto Everlasting Life**

The people had referred Christ to the manna which their fathers ate in the wilderness, as if the furnishing of that food was a greater miracle than Jesus had performed; but He shows how meager was that gift when compared with the blessings He had come to bestow. The manna could sustain only this earthly existence; it did not prevent the approach of death, nor insure immortality; but the bread of heaven would nourish the soul unto everlasting life. The Saviour said, "I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever." To this figure Christ now adds another. Only through dying could He impart life to men, and in the words that follow He points to His death as the means of salvation. He says, "The bread that I will give is My flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." **{DA 388.2}** *The Desire of Ages, 1898*



## Consider the Following

— The crowd saw Jesus as the perfect leader to free them from Rome: he would feed the troops and heal their wounds. But Jesus refused to be crowned king (**John 6:14-15**).

— When Jesus met the crowd again the next day, He spoke to them clearly (**John 6:22-26**). He did not want to meet only their physical needs. He had come to give them eternal life: “I am the bread of life” (**John 6:35**).

— With this expression, and others like it, Jesus identified himself with God, the “I AM” who spoke face to face with Moses (**Ex. 3:13-14**):

- (1) I AM the bread of life (**John 6:35**)
- (2) I AM the light of the world (**John 8:12**)
- (3) I AM the door (**John 10:7, 9**)
- (4) I AM the good shepherd (**John 10:11, 14**)
- (5) I AM the resurrection (**John 11:25**)
- (6) I AM the way (**John 14:6**)
- (7) I AM the true vine (**John 15:1, 5**)

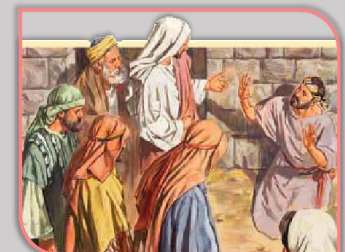
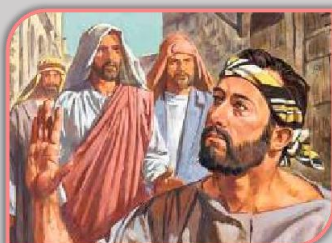
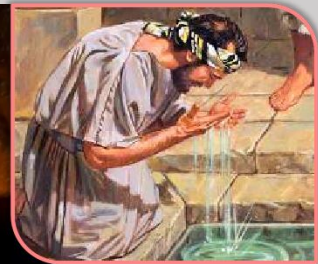
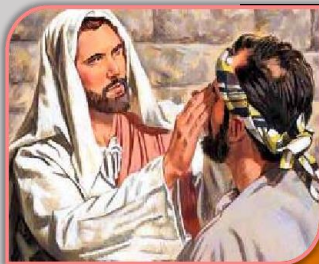
## I am the Light of the World

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[2 Chronicles 26:16-21](#); [Genesis 2:7](#).

*“Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him.” (John 9:3)*



## **The Living Branches: Make Light Bearers in a World of Spiritual Darkness.**

Those who are living branches of the True Vine, will seek to fulfill the commission of Christ, to be witnesses of him unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Jesus has said, "Ye are the light of the world." Has God given you intellect? You should use it to his glory. You should connect yourself with him who is the source of all light, if you are to be a light in the world. Jesus has said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." When we come into straitened places, he will be with us. He will be at our right hand to uphold us. Those who keep a connection with God, may be as was Nehemiah in the king's court. One day the king asked him a question that involved consequences of the greatest importance to God's people, and Nehemiah felt his weakness and he darted up a prayer to Heaven. Help came to him in a moment. The very answer that was appropriate for the occasion was on his lips. It will be so with those who follow Christ. In a time of great need they will not be left to themselves. They can send up a prayer to Heaven, and God will provide the needed grace and wisdom. If we are to be laborers together with God, if we are to fulfill Christ's commission, we must come to the fountain of life. We must drink of the well of salvation ourselves, if we would refresh others. Brethren, let us open our hearts to Heaven's light, that we may be able to flash its bright rays on the pathway of others. Let us kindle our tapers at the divine altar, that we may be light-bearers in a world of spiritual darkness. **{ST, September 2, 1889 par. 10}**

## **Draw Close to Jesus, the Light will Shine Upon the World.**

We must walk carefully and humbly before the Lord in these precious hours of probation. We must draw close to Jesus till his light is shed upon us. It is the desire of our Saviour that we should be the light of the world, reflecting every ray that shines upon us. What straight paths should we make for our feet, so that the lame may not be turned out of the way! This is an age of light. The Lord of heaven is sending the rays of light into the homes of the world. A special light is shining upon the commandments of God. The door of the most holy place of the heavenly Sanctuary stands ajar, and within, as in the most holy place of the ancient sanctuary, is the ark of the testimony. The law of the Most High is beneath the mercy-seat. The light of this law is shining upon the world, penetrating the moral darkness that has covered the people. **{RH, January 31, 1888 par. 11}**

## The Lord's Work is Being Done: He Provides, Sustains, and He Puts His Perfection of Character in Us.

Jesus is the light of the world, and you are to fashion your life after his. You will find help in Christ to form a strong, symmetrical, beautiful character. Satan cannot make of none effect the light shining forth from such a character. The Lord has a work for each of us to do. He does not provide that we shall be sustained by the influence of human praise and petting; he means that every soul shall stand in the strength of the Lord. God has given us his best gift, even his only begotten Son, to uplift, ennoble and fit us, by putting on us his own perfection of character, for a home in his kingdom. Jesus came to our world and lived as he expects his followers to live. If we are self-indulgent, and too lazy to put forth earnest effort to cooperate with the wonderful work of God, we shall meet with loss in this life, and loss in the future, immortal life. {RH, April 8, 1890 par. 6}

### Consider the following

— Do we get sick because we have sinned? Do our children get sick because of our sins? These were the questions on the minds of the disciples when Jesus called their attention to a person who had been born blind (**John 9:1-2**).

— The relationship between sin and illness was made clear, for example, in the healing of the paralytic at Bethesda (**John 5:14**). However, this illness – like many others that affect us – was of a different origin, related to the sin that surrounds us, but without any relation to any personal or parental sin.

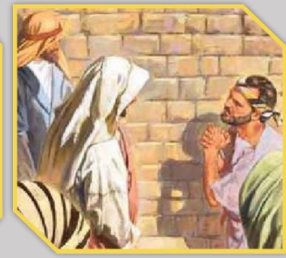
— With an act that recalled the creation of man, Jesus illuminated the life of this blind man by giving him sight (**John 9:6-7; Gen. 2:7**). After the miracle, John tells us about its consequences (**John 9:8-16**).

— The former blind man believes in Jesus as the One Sent (Siloam), and the Pharisees reject him because he heals on the Sabbath. But... “How can a sinful man perform these signs?” (**John 9:16**).

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**John 9:17-34**

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[1 Corinthians 1:26-29](#).

*"We know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this fellow, we don't even know where he comes from." (John 9:29)*



**He Attracts everyone to Approach Him, Evidence of His Divine Anointing.**

Love, mercy, and compassion were displayed in every act of Jesus ministry.--In describing His earthly mission, Jesus said, "The Lord hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." This was His work. He went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed by Satan. There were whole villages where there was not a moan of sickness in any house; for He had passed through them, and healed all their sick. His work gave evidence of His divine anointing. Love, mercy, and compassion were displayed in every act of His life. His heart went out in tender sympathy to the children of men. He took man's nature, that He might reach man's wants. The poorest and humblest were not afraid to approach Him. Even little children were attracted to Him. They loved to climb upon His knees, and gaze into that pensive face, benignant with love.--**BTS Jan. 1, 1909.**  
**{PaM 283.4} Pastoral Ministry, 1995**

**The False Shepherds were Disclosed, because of Unbelief.**

The Pharisees had just cut one off from the fold because he had acknowledged that Jesus had wrought a wonderful miracle, and had opened his eyes. They had called the blind man to them after his healing and had said: "Give God the praise; we know that this man is a sinner. He

could never have wrought the miracle. As to this man doing the miracle, you are wrong. It is only a deception." But the restored man answered, "Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not; one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." Then they asked again, "What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? How hard they were to convince! How hard they tried to cover up with unbelief the mighty work of Jesus, and sought to persuade the man to disbelieve his own senses! They were false shepherds indeed, and sought to scatter the sheep. But the blind man who had been made to see answered their caviling, asking them if they too would be his disciples. They were indignant that this ignorant man should presume to teach them, and could scarcely find words to express their contempt. They were men who had been educated in the schools, and claimed to be expositors of the Scriptures. They were not to be thought of as disciples of any pretender, and declared themselves to be the disciples of Moses. **{ST, December 4, 1893 par. 7}** *The Signs of the Times*

### **The Power of the Great Healer, the Use of Simple Agencies of Nature**

In the Saviour's manner of healing there were lessons for His disciples. On one occasion He anointed the eyes of a blind man with clay and bade him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam. . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing." **John 9:7**. The cure could be wrought only by the power of the Great Healer, yet Christ made use of the simple agencies of nature. While He did not give countenance to drug medication, He sanctioned the use of simple and natural remedies. **{CH 30.3}**

To many of the afflicted ones who received healing Christ said, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." **John 5:14**. Thus He taught that disease is the result of violating God's laws, both natural and spiritual. The great misery in the world would not exist, did men but live in harmony with the Creator's plan. . . . **{CH 30.4}** *Counsels on Health, 1923*

## **Consider the following**

— It was logical that, once healed, the sick man would return home carrying his belongings. But... he was breaking the Sabbath! **(Jn. 5:10)**. Faced with this accusation, the man defended himself by saying that his healer had ordered him to do so, and the matter was settled **(Jn. 5:11-13)**.

— Thinking that they wanted to praise their healer when he heard that Jesus had healed him, he ran to tell those who had asked him (**Jn. 5:14-15**).

— But not everyone reacted the same way to Jesus' signs (**John 5:16**). Jesus knew He would arouse prejudice when He ordered the paralytic to carry his bed on the Sabbath. His purpose was to make His antagonists think about what was more important, His tradition or the healing of a man. Why did they not want to understand this?

## I am the Resurrection of Lazarus-John 11:1-44

**Thursday-October 10, 2024**

**The Resurrection of Lazarus**

[John 8:12](#); [9:5](#); [11:1-57](#); [20:30-31](#).

*"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. "' (**John 11:25**)*



### **He Gives True Direction to Our Faith-He is the Author of Resurrection.**

Jesus encouraged her faith by declaring to her, "Thy brother shall rise again." Martha, not comprehending the full meaning of Jesus, answered that she knew he would arise in the resurrection, at the last day. But Jesus, seeking to give a true direction to her faith, said, "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this?" Jesus would direct the thoughts of Martha to himself, and strengthen her faith in regard to his power. His words had a double meaning; not only did they refer to the immediate act of raising Lazarus, but they also referred to the general resurrection of all the righteous, of which the resurrection of Lazarus which he was then about to perform, was but a representation. Jesus declared himself the Author of the resurrection. He who himself was soon to die upon the cross, stood with the keys of death, a conqueror of the grave, and asserted his right and power to give eternal life. **{2SP 362.2}** *The Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 2, 1877*

## Christ's Presence Rebukes the Power of Evil, Demonstrated in Lazarus' Resurrection

Christ was health and strength in Himself, and when sufferers were in His immediate presence, disease was always rebuked. It was for this that He did not go at once to Lazarus. He could not witness his suffering and not bring him relief. He could not witness disease or death without combating the power of Satan. The death of Lazarus was permitted that through his resurrection the last and crowning evidence might be given to the Jews that Jesus was the Son of God. {CTr 251.3}

And in all this conflict with the power of evil, there was ever before Christ the darkened shadow into which He Himself must enter. Ever before Him was the means by which He must pay the ransom for these souls. As He witnessed the suffering of humanity, He knew that He must bear a greater pain, mingled with mockery, that He would suffer the greatest humiliation. When He raised Lazarus from the dead, He knew that for that life He must pay the ransom on the cross of Calvary. . . .{CTr 251.4} *Christ Triumphant, 1999*

## The Crowning Evidence of Messiahship-the Signal of the Father, Jesus is the Son of God

It was the crowning evidence of his Messiahship, the signal of the Father that Jesus had uttered the truth, and was the Son of God. Would the Jews turn from this testimony of high Heaven? They had once asked the Saviour, What sign showest thou that we may see and believe? Innumerable signs had been given all through the ministry of Christ; yet they had closed their eyes and hardened their hearts lest they should be convinced. The crowning miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus did not remove their unbelief, but filled them with increased malice; and now that the Father had spoken, and they could ask for no further sign, their hearts were not softened and they still refused to believe. {3SP 79.3} *The Spirit of Prophecy, volume 3, 1878*

### Consider the following

— John 11 is full of sadness and tears (**Verses 1, 14, 19, 21, 31, 32, 35, 38**). But, just as in the case of the man born blind, God is to turn all this evil into a reason for Himself to be glorified (**Jn. 11:4, 15**).

— Jairus' daughter and the widow's son from Nain had been resurrected shortly after they died.

However, Lazarus had already begun to decompose. Everyone thought it was impossible for Jesus to resurrect him (**John 11:24, 37**).

— What is the difference between resurrecting a person who has just died or one who has been dead for 5,000 years? For Jesus, there is no difference. He is the resurrection and the life. All will be resurrected by the power of his voice (**John 5:28-29**).

— Sadly, some thought it was better for Jesus to die than to give life (**John 11:46-50**). But others believed, and one day they will be resurrected—along with us—to eternal life (**John 11:45**).

## **Friday-October 11, 2024**

### **Insights and Further Study**

#### **The Object of Christ's Sacrifice**

Christ was sent to represent God in humanity. When he came to our world, his divinity was clothed with humanity, that humanity might touch humanity, and divinity lay hold of the throne of divinity. Thus moral power was brought to man. When God's Word is understood by us, we shall better understand the work and mission of Christ, and shall be able to trace out his working in behalf of humanity. For our sakes Christ became poor, that we through his poverty might be made rich. He descended in humiliation from depth to depth in our behalf until he reached the cross. He could go no farther in self-denial and self-sacrifice. It was impossible for divine condescension to reach a lower depth. This wonderful sacrifice moved all heaven, and can we look upon it without our hearts breaking at the sight? **{ST, July 15, 1897 par. 1}**

Christ came to communicate the life of God to humanity. He declared, "I live by the Father," my life and his being one. "For as the Father hath life in himself." "Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father; so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." **{ST, July 15, 1897 par. 2}**



## From the Pen of Inspiration

“The workers will meet with many who will harden their hearts against the conviction of God’s Spirit; but they will meet also with many who are hungering for the bread of life, and who, receiving the message, will go forth to sow the seeds of truth...” **EGW (Testimonies for the Church, volume 7, page 202)**

## Questions to Ponder upon

1. Christ suffered even unto death; what significant truth is drawn from this act? How is it related to His divine and creative power, when He died?
2. Why did Jesus use miracles to teach them who He was? How did people react to those miracles?
3. What's the main purpose of Jesus' miracles, is it to prove that He was the Messiah or did He want to illustrate how He spiritually is, the bread, the light, and the resurrection?
4. Why did the disciples think about the causes of diseases, like those of the blind man? What's the connection between sickness and sin?
5. What lesson did Jesus teach when He healed the blind man? Is it the physical and/or spiritual blindness, or both?
6. Why did Jesus delay His coming to Lazarus and allow Him to be laid in the tomb for 4 days?
7. Based upon the statement above, **{ST, July 15, 1897 par. 2}**, how is our understanding of the word of God related to the knowledge of Jesus Christ?

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