

The Essence of Life!

Twelve Sessions in the Gospel of John

Session Four:

Take Two Miracles and Call Me in the Morning

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What does it take for someone to believe? Whether you know it or not, that question has divided Christendom for hundreds of years, and today is no exception.

For over 1,800 years, the faith moved forward without the benefit of “signs and wonders” -- the miracles had not continued past the middle of the first century and the ministry of the apostles. But, earlier in the twentieth century, the growth of the pentecostal movement changed all of that.

Today, there is a movement that commonly characterizes itself as “power evangelism.” They operate with a theology that presents miraculous manifestations as the means by which people will come to the moment of salvation. Is this the approach endorsed by God?

Batten down your hatches: these are stormy waters in an age of “anything goes!” Do you know what you believe?

1. The Miracle of the Loaves

- The Background
John 6:1-9
- The Miracle
John 6:10-13
- The Result
John 6:14-15

2. The Miracle on the Lake

- The background
John 6:16-18
- The Miracle
John 6:19a
- The Result
John 6:19b-21

3. The Miracle of the Life

- The Background
John 6:24-27
- The Miracle
John 6:28-29
- The Result
John 6:30-34

4. The Meat of the Message

- The Exclusivity of Jesus
John 6:35
- The Hardness of Hearts
John 6:36
- The Election of God
John 6:37-39
- The Responsibility of Man
John 6:40
- The Offensiveness of the Message
John 6:41, 52, 60, 66
- The Salvation of the Believer
John 6:67-69