

JESUS - WORKER OF MIRACLES

Text: John 11:47, 48

Introduction:

1. In our previous lesson we discussed Jesus receiving sinful men.
2. Jesus was often criticized by His enemies. Their criticism is often praise for Him.
3. In our text, Jesus is the worker of miracles which cause many to believe in Him.

-- In our lesson, we will see the miracles of Jesus cause many to believe and some to turn against Him --

I. MIRACLES CONFIRMED HIS IDENTITY -vs. 45

A. AMONG HIS DISCIPLES

1. Jesus calms the sea -Mt 8:23-27
2. Peter's faith
 - a. His confession -Mt 16:13-16
 - b. Regardless of others lack of faith -Jn 6:67-69

B. AMONG THE PEOPLE

1. Those who witnessed the resurrection of Lazarus
 - a. "If we leave Him alone, **everyone** will believe in Him..."
 - b. Many believed in Jesus because of Lazarus -12:11
2. After the feeding of the 5,000 -Jn 6:15
 - a. They wanted to make Him king
 - b. He could heal and feed an army!

II. MIRACLES CAUSED OTHERS TO TURN AGAINST HIM

A. THE PHARISEES CONCERNING LAZARUS -Jn 11:46-48

1. They were blinded by their lust for power, they missed the power of Jesus Christ.
2. Belief in Jesus required the Pharisees to give up something

B. THE PHARISEES CONCERNING THE BLIND MAN -Jn 9

1. There is a division among the Pharisees -vs. 16
2. The Pharisees question the parents -vs. 18-23
3. They question the blind man once again -vs. 24-34
 - a. "Do you also want to be His disciples?" -vs. 27
 - b. Read vs. 30-34

C. MIRACLES WILL NOT NECESSARILY CREATE BELIEF

1. Israelites leaving Egypt
 - a. They witnessed all the plagues
 - b. The magicians figured it out -Ex 8:19
 - c. The Red Sea crossing - Ex 14:11, 12
 - d. At Mt. Sinai -Ex 20:18, 19
 - e. Golden Calf -Ex 32
2. Many will wait on a sign from God before following
 - a. Some do not begin to preach until a close encounter with death.
 - b. Our testimony is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ -1Co 15:1-5

Conclusion:

1. The Centurion admission -Mt 27:54
2. Every tongue shall confess -Ph 2:9-11