

Believing in Miracles

Gospel of John Series – Part 20

Scripture text – Mark 6:30-44

Introduction

- From a biblical perspective, a “miracle” is an event brought about by the _____ of God that is a temporary _____ to the ordinary course of nature for the purpose of showing that God is acting in history.
- This miracle:
 1. Is the only one recorded in all 4 _____;
 2. Was performed before Jesus’ _____ audience; and
 3. Constituted the great _____ of who he is.
- Those who disbelieve miracles try to give this one a _____ explanation. And yet, Mark offers considerable _____.
- Biblical Christianity requires a belief in _____.

A Short History Lesson

- By the late 1800’s, millions of Christians in America had embraced theological _____.
- 5 main beliefs:
 1. God’s character is one of pure _____
 2. Humanity is essentially _____
 3. The significance of Jesus is as a _____ & _____
 4. All religions are equally _____
 5. The Bible is a collection of _____ writings
- In 1910, God raised up a Christian businessman named Lyman Stewart, who published 12 books collectively known as “The _____.”
- These books asserted there are 5 doctrines that must be believed:
 1. The divine inspiration of the _____
 2. The _____ of Christ
 3. Christ’s bodily resurrection and _____ coming
 4. Christ’s death as penal substitutionary _____
 5. The reality of _____
- *The Fundamentals* were widely affirmed and _____ Christianity.

The Significance of the Feeding of the 5,000

1. Jesus was presenting himself as the New _____ leading the New _____ to the New _____.
2. Jesus was communicating his intention to _____ & _____ his people.
3. Jesus was teaching his followers that they (we) can accomplish _____ things in reliance on him.
4. Jesus was demonstrating the _____ in which he would save his people.

Application

- At FBC, we _____ the 5 fundamentals and _____ each of the tenets of theological liberalism.
- Also, the feeding of the 5,000 inspires our _____ of Christ.