

# Miracles

## Part II; August 22, 2010

### “When God Shows Off”

#### John 1:1-45 (The Story of Lazarus)

God is unpredictable, but never unintentional.

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

– John 11:5-6 (NIV)

“You can make many plans, but the LORD’s purpose will prevail.”

– Proverbs 19:21 (NLT)

Jesus is there, even when you don’t see Him!

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died... When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

– John 11:21, 32 (NIV)

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."

– John 1:47-49 (NIV)

The spectrum of His Power is unlimited!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

– John 11:25-26 (NIV)

Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . . ." He said to the paralytic, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

– Mark 2:9-12 (NIV)

Trust in His Sovereignty, believe in His Power,  
but ultimately, place your hope in His Love!

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."... Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus... When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. Where have you laid him?" he asked. ‘Come and see, Lord,’ they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

– John 11:33-36 (NIV)

And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

– Ephesians 3:18-20 (NLT)