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Engaging The Miraculous

mir·a·cle -noun

A historical event or a natural phenomenon that appears to violate natural laws but that reveal God to the eyes of _____.

The Story of Lazarus:

John 11:1-6

¹Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. ³So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." ⁴When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." ⁵Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.

John 11:20-27

²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." ²⁴Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "**I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?**" ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she told him, "**I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world.**"

John 11:38-39

³⁸Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹"Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

Competing Views Of The Miraculous:

1. The _____ View
2. The _____ View

How To Engage The Miraculous:

1. _____

John 11:40

⁴⁰Then Jesus said, "**Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?**"

Mark 6:5-6

⁵**He could not do any miracles there**, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

2. Understand the _____ for miracles

John 11:41-44

⁴¹So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²**I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.**" ⁴³When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

Hebrews 13:8

⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

My Next Step Today Is...

- Memorize John 11:25-26
- Pray to engage the miraculous
- Sign up for Foundations 201