Jesus Approved of God

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INTRODUCTION

- When Jesus made the claim, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father except by me. It was one of the most radical statements that could have been made.
- How could Jesus be the only one, the way, the truth, and the life, and no one can come to the Father except by him. How would you go about proving that yourself?

1 A Man Attested by God by Miracles, Wonders and Signs

John 3:2

- Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested by God to you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.
- The word miracles, wonders, and signs are not three different methods, but rather three different words that describe the same action.
- It was for the purpose of being a sign. That is, the effect served as proof that the origin was from God.
- No man can do these miracles that you do except God be with him.

2 Seven Signs Written That You May Believe

John 20:30–31

- Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
- There are seven specific miracles that John does record in different places and with a different outcome that I think verify, together verify the fact that he is the Son of God.
- These are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.
- In the Gospel of John, five of the seven are not found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John has selected certain signs.

3 Power Over Quality and Power Over Distance

- The first miracle that Jesus worked, the scripture said it manifested his glory, and his disciples believed.
- When we look at the water to wine, which said it was the best wine, Jesus had power over quality.
- Jesus wasn't even at the lad's side, at his bedside.
- At the very same hour that Jesus said, Go your way, your son liveth, so it is that he was healed. Power over distance.

4 Power Over Time, Quantity and Nature

John 5; John 6; Matthew 14

- They knew he had been afflicted, and as he said, 38 years. But immediately he got up and walked, carrying his bed.
- It's significant they did not deny the miracle.
- It's a different type of sign or miracle that proved power over quantity.
- What does it prove? Power over nature itself.

5 Power Over Darkness and Power Over Death and Life

- So he went and he washed and came back seeing. Jesus had power over darkness. He is the light.
- Jesus indeed said, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, though he may die, he shall live.
- He who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes.
- Raise Lazarus from the grave, power over death and life.

6 Did Everybody Believe? They Never Denied the Miracles

Matthew 12:24–26; John 12:37–38

- Did everybody believe? And again, the answer would have to be no.
- They didn't deny the miracle. They simply accused it's from other source.
- The Jews made up their mind, he could not be. They were not going to believe no matter what Jesus did.
- Although he had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in him.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What would you do had you been living there? What would you do today? When maybe you're asked by someone, how would you prove Jesus is the Son of God?**

MY NOTES