

## **Intro: Miracles of Jesus (Luke 7: 16 John 20: 30, 31)**

### Introduction

- Why did God use miracles to bear witness to the gospel?
- How do we understand and explain the miracles of Jesus?

### **I. Question: Did the Miracles of Jesus Really Happen?**

- A. The existence of God.
- B. What God is like.

### **II. Question: How are Miracles of the Gospel Validated?**

- A. Historical validity – eyewitness accounts.
- B. Divine authority of gospels regarding Jesus' miracles.

### **III. Why are Jesus Miracles Important to Understand?**

- A. Miracles in Jesus day?
- B. What about Jesus Miracles today?

### **IV. Three Important Purposes for us to Think About**

1. They teach us about the deity of Jesus.
2. They teach us about the humanity of Jesus.
3. They teach us about Jesus being the Messiah

## **Looking Upon the Pierced One (Zech 12:10)**

- Prophecy of Zechariah, son of Berechiah
- Judah, 20 years after exile, rebuilding the temple.
- Temple rebuilding had stalled – lots of opposition.
- People discouraged – *despise the day of small beginnings* (4:10)
- God’s promise of His Servant – Jerusalem be holy again

### **I. Prophecy of Great Spiritual Renewal**

- V. 10 prophecy of the day of Pentecost (Joel 2:28,29)
- “*Spirit of grace and Supplication*” (Acts 2:1-4; Isa 44:3; Ezek 39:29)
  - A. The Holy Spirit will bring grace.
  - B. Grace produces in us “supplication.”

### **II. The Revelation of the Pierced One**

- A. Look, behold...
- B. Look upon Me...
- C. Whom they have pierced...

### **III. Profound Grief and Mourning**

“*Mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, firstborn.*”

- A. Salvation is personal.
- B. Families, the who city (v.11)
- What produces this sorrow?
  - A. Godly sorrow leads to repentance (2 Cor 7:10-11)
  - B. Goodness of God leads to repentance (Rom 2:4)
  - C. The loveliness of Jesus (Phil 2: 6-8)