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Fig Monday

Narrator: Lazarus

Primary Scriptures: John 9-12

Story Summary: Later ministry of Jesus, seven miraculous signs

Location: Kingdom of Judea (Israel)

Time: Circa 30 AD

A miracle of God is an extraordinary or unnatural event that reveals or confirms a specific message through a mighty work. Jesus performed plenty of miracles. All the miracles He did were to glorify God, help others, and prove that He was indeed who He said He was—the Son of God.

7 Miraculous Signs from Jesus

- Changing water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11)
- Healing the official's son from a distance (John 4:46-54)
- Healing the paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-5)
- Feeding the five thousand (John 6:5-14)
- Jesus walking on the water (John 6:16-24)
- Healing the man blind from birth who washed in the Pool of Siloam (John 9:1-7)
- The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

In John 9:1-2, Jesus upends the notion that people's sins always make them materially or physically disadvantaged. This would have been a direct threat to a common teaching of the day that disadvantaged people were that way because of sin, while advantaged people were that way because of righteousness. The one thing all these miracles have in common is this: they all point to the fact that God is to be glorified in every situation because he is the Master of All.

In John 9:2, the disciples of Jesus could see only two alternatives to the reasons that people suffered. Do you find that you limit your alternatives to obvious or accepted answers? With religious questions, do you tend to want a clear answer rather than answers that require uncertain or multiple interpretations?

In John 10:27, Jesus says that his sheep listen to his voice. How do you listen to his voice? If you are not listening, are you one of Jesus' sheep? How can you learn to listen better?