**Matthew 12:38-40**

**Selected Scriptures**

***Show Us A Sign***

Introduction

1. Jesus is God! Where’s the evidence?

2. Matthew 12:38-40 *We would see a sign from you.* Jesus gave them that sign in v. 40. *As Jonah was three days and three night in the belly of that great fish, so the son of man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.* **The resurrection is that sign!**

3. Men are saying today: Where’s the evidence?

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**I. THE PRELUDE TO THE SIGN**

 ***How do we know there is a God?***

1. ***The Print of God Genesis 1, 2***

**1.** Everything that is mentioned that God made (He made everything) has His finger

 print.

**2.** Every created thing is a wonder, a miracle.

**3.** Evolution does not answer the BIG questions.

**4.** Everything was *‘good’* or *‘very good’*.

Chapter 3 Sin entered the world…man fell…the world groans!

1. ***The Promises of God***

Only God knows the future.

 **1.** Genesis 3:15 is the first hint of the Messiah. The seed of the woman will crush the

 head of the serpent!

**2.** The OT is full of promises of the coming Messiah:

 \*Is. 7:14 *“The Lord will give you a sign...Behold the virgin shall conceive…”*

 *\**Is. 9:6 *For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son isgiven…Wonderful/Counselor,*

 *Mighty God…*

**3.** (Luke 24:27) on the road to Emmaus the risen Christ comes: *Beginning with*

*Moses and all the prophets…in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

 \*The Old Testament is about the Messiah that would come…how God would

 become man!

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**II. THE PREPARATION FOR THE SIGN**

 ***How do we know that Jesus was God?***

1. ***His Chronology***

**1.** John 1 *“In the beginning was the Word…”*

**2.** Matthew 1 “*Begat”* line of David which is the line of the KING

**3.** Luke 3:36-38 gives us the same names as Genesis 5, showing the line of Messiah.

**4.** Luke 24:27 *Beginning with Moses and the all the Prophets he expounded all the*

*Scriptures the things concerning Himself.* Ray VanderLaan says every act of

Jesus was a fulfillment of Old Testament Scripture. Jesus is the YHWH of the

 Old Testament.

**5.** Some say that Jesus never claimed to be God. **That is why they crucified Him.**

To claim to be God was blasphemy!!

1. ***His Claim***

**1.** Exodus 3:14, 15 *“I am”* THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER.

**2.** In the Gospel of John *“I am”…*7 times (6:35; 8:12; 10:7,9,11,14; 14:6; 15:1, 15).

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 **‘blasphemy’**

1. ***His Credentials***

*“Show us a sign”…*the Gospels are filled with miracles.

1. John alone we see the miracles of Jesus: Water to wine (2) Healed the official’s son (4) Cured the paralytic (5) Walked on water (6) Gave sight to the blind (9) Raised Lazarus (11)

 **2.** John 20:30-31 *And many other signs did Jesus in the presence of his disciples,*

 *which are not written in this book. But these are written that you might believe*

 *that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God and believing you might have life*

 *through His name.*

 **3.** The Ultimate Sign: *“He is not here…He is risen!”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sC1ojmSy7Yc>

**The True Easter Story** Ray Vander Laan

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**III. THE PROOF OF THE SIGN**

 ***How do we know that Jesus arose from the grave?***

1. The disciples died for their faith. Many die for their faith in many religions. Would you die knowing that something was a lie???
2. The conversion of a skeptic such as Paul. *Jesus Is Risen* by David Limbaugh is a running commentary of Acts, Galatians, I & II Thessalonians, I & II Corinthians, and Romans, but all show that the resurrection is at the heart of Paul’s message.
3. The day of worship moved from Saturday to Sunday. Something must have happened.
4. Communion (it is the bread and cup, but they look back to a history changing event) and Baptism…buried in the likeness of His death, raised in the likeness of His resurrection.
5. The emergence of the church. It grew rapidly from 120 to 100,000 by the end of the first century. If the gospel message centered around the death, burial and resurrection…just show us a body. There was none to be found.
6. Changed lives: ***Jesus Christ Changed My Life***.

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**IV. THE POWER OF THE SIGN**

 ***How does this affect us?***

1. ***Jesus Is Alive!***
2. ***The Holy Spirit Has Come.***

***\**** In John 17 Jesus said that when I go I will send a comforter. *I am with you…He shall be in you!*

***\*****Here is the glorious mystery:*

1. ***Salvation is only in Jesus Christ***

*\*Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other…*

*\*John 1:11, 12 He came unto His own, but His own received Him not. But as many as received Him…become sons of God…by believing.*

***Jesus Is God!***

**Jesus paid for your sins.**

**The most logical thing in the world is to receive Him.**

**Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior by a personal invitation?**

**Are you living for Him?**