

## Daily Devotional, March 10, 2021 Walking Miracles

***Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>10</sup> So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King. The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. John 12:9-12 (NIV)***

When I began looking ahead at the story of Lazarus this year, I once again took note of the three verses above. This follows the story of Mary anointing Jesus with oil and His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As I thought about this passage, it reminded me of just how much of an impact the raising of Lazarus would have been. Here a man had been dead for four days, and Jesus raised him from the dead.

There was a great crowd of people, not just coming to see Jesus, but also to see for themselves that Lazarus was alive. It was a great testimony to the power of Jesus. However, the Pharisees were fearful that more people would believe in Jesus from the pure sight of seeing Lazarus alive. Lazarus was a walking miracle!

The power of Jesus continues to be alive in our world today; there are many walking miracles around us. Numerous people have battled many medical trials in their lives, some cured, some in remission and ongoing. Many of the survivors I have come to know have had a powerful prayer life and continue to be encouragers to others that are going through similar situations. These individuals are a constant reminder to me of just how powerful our Lord is.

There is no biblical reference to what happens to Lazarus after the resurrection of Jesus. There are some traditions that claim he became the Bishop of Marseilles, but I'm not certain of that. What I am certain about is that Lazarus had one of the best stories to tell others about Jesus, "I am a walking miracle. I wouldn't be here without Jesus."

I think many of us have a similar story and could easily say, "I am a walking miracle. I wouldn't be here without Jesus." This is a time for others who have lost hope to hear *your* story.

***Prayer: Heavenly Father, Thank You for answering my prayers and performing miracles in my life every day. Just the fact that I woke up this morning and can take a breath is a gift from You. Help me to never take my health and loved ones for granted. Help me to always stand in faith and keep my focus on You when unexpected circumstances arise. In Jesus' Name, Amen.***