

## **“We never saw anything like this”**

### **Mark 2:1-12**

Introduction: Consider the healing of the paralytic at Capernaum and the amazement of the people: “We never saw anything like this.” The result of their belief: “all were amazed and glorified God.” How is our faith affected since “we never saw anything like this”?

#### **I. We never witnessed Jesus’ miracles**

- A. We have many detailed eyewitness accounts of Jesus’ miracles.
- B. What was the real purpose of Jesus’ miracles? (Jn. 4:48)
- C. The purpose of the book of John. (John 20:30, 31)
- D. How do we react in our faith when reading about Jesus’ miracles?

#### **II. We never observed Jesus’ death**

- A. Why do we believe Jesus’ death was above the norm?  
Isaiah prophesied the details of His death and the purpose of it all 700 years before it happened. (Isa. 53:4-7)
- B. What about those who crucified Christ? (Acts 2:36-38)
- C. We can’t afford to NOT respond to Jesus’ death.

#### **III. We never saw Jesus’ resurrection**

- A. To what extent does your heart believe Jesus’ resurrection? (1 Cor. 15:3-8)
- B. If Christ is not risen...??? (1 Cor. 15:14, 17, 19)
- C. Do we need to see in order to believe? (Jn. 20:25, 29)

#### **IV. We walk by faith... not by sight**

- A. Our faith is the very substance of what we are living for. (Heb. 11:1)
- B. Why solidify and strengthen our faith? (Heb. 11:6)

Conclusion: Even though we never personally witnessed all that Jesus did, both in His life and in His death, when we read the Bible and get a more complete picture, we should be awestruck with wonderment and come to a firm belief in the existence and work of Jesus Christ our Savior who brought to us eternal life.