

Session three (based on the packet's Session 2, "Miracles and Science):

Opening Prayer:

Homework for Session Three (05-05):

1. Consider questions 2, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, and 7b from your packet.
 - a.
2. Familiarize yourself with John 11:1-44 and Acts 9:1-31, considering how miracles are happening in these texts.
 - a. John 11:1-44
 - i.
 - b. Acts 9:1-31
 - i.
3. If you want more to read, consider 26-29 in your enrichment magazine. We will review much of this information in our time together.
 - a.

1. Any thoughts on the lecture or from your homework?
 - a.

Science Vs. Scientism:

1. Can a Christian be a scientist?
 - a.
2. Science defined:
 - a. Just another subject which students have to learn
 - i.
 - b. As a particular way to understand and get around in the world
 - i.
3. Scientism defined:
 - a. As *the* way to understand and get around in the world
 - i.

Discussing Your Homework:

4. From **2** in your packet, do you think science disproves the miracles of the Bible? Why or why not?
5. Why should we believe the miracles recorded in Scripture? Consider **6a, 6b, and 6c** from your packet.
 - a. Disciples willing to die for their faith:
 - i.
 - b. How do 1 Corinthians 15:6 and John 11:1-44 give legitimacy to the miracles?
Consider your reflection from John 11:1-44 (# 2a on your homework sheet)
 - i.
6. Is conversion a miracle? Consider **7a** from your packet.
 - a. See Acts 9:1-31
 - i. Reversal:
 - 1.

ii. Doubts:

- 1.
- 2.

7. Is every conversion a miracle? Consider **7b** from your packet.

a. Cf. Ephesians 2:1, 8-9

i.

b. Cf. Romans 1:16; 8:7

i.

8.

Objections and Responses to Miracles:

<u>Objection:</u>	<u>Response:</u>
<u>Empiricist:</u> 1. Science: a. 2. Miracles: a.	<u>Empiricist:</u> 1. Science: a. 2. Laws of nature: a. Cf. Acts 14:15-17 i. b. Cf. Acts 17:24-28 i.
<u>Deist:</u> 1. A Wound-up Wristwatch: a. 2. God is a. Unable to: b. Doesn't care to:	<u>Deist:</u> 1. <u>Scripture as a record:</u> a. <u>Cf. Psalm 105</u> b. <u>Cf. John 1</u> 2. <u>Deism denies:</u> a. b.
<u>People then believed in supernatural; people now don't:</u> 1. Miracles: a. 2. Science: a.	<u>Supernatural:</u> 1. Scriptural witnesses of miracles: a. Cf. Mt. 1:18-19 b. Cf. Mt. 14:26 c. John 6:5-9 2. Natural reaction: a.

Bible is unreliable, thus miracles can't be believe:

1. Legends:
 - a.
2. Biased:
 - a.

Trust issues:

1. Reliable Bible:
 - a.
 - b.
2. Too short of a time:
 - a.
 - b.
3. Illogical Bias:
 - a. Motive:
 - b. Faith to the end:
4. Benefit of numerous accounts:
 - a.
5. No opposition:
 - a. Cf. Acts 4:16
 - b.

Closing Song (LSB 729 "I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus):

1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.

2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.

4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

5 I am trusting Thee for power;
Thine can never fail.

Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me
Must prevail.

6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever
And for all.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we praise you for the record of your miraculous acts through Jesus in Lazarus and in converting Saul and in converting us. We ask that you would help us to trust only in you, that your Holy Spirit working through your Word is enough for us to believe your miracles. We especially ask you to strengthen our faith in your greatest miracle – the raising of Jesus from the dead for our sakes. Help us always to trust your Word above any other word. In Jesus' name, amen.