

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

THE PROPHET ELISHA

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PART 2: MIRACLES

PREPARATION & TESTING

The Bible tells us that God does not think like we do (**Isaiah 55:7-9**). There is always a time of preparation and testing for any man or woman before God deems them ready to be used; however, there is no set timetable for how long the preparation and testing period will last.

- It took God 80 years to prepare and test Moses before he was sent into action. **Acts 7:23, 30**
- The apostle Paul spent three years in the desert with God. **Galatians 1:15-18**
- Elisha had paid his dues working as a servant for the prophet Elijah and God was going to establish his ministry with supernatural miracles.

MIRACLE OF OIL

This miracle shows us that when God sends a prophet to a nation, he will not only address national issues, but minister to single individuals by meeting their needs. **2 Kings 4:1-7**

A MIRACLE CONCEPTION

God wanted the nation of Israel to know that He was the God who could do the impossible, by making a woman pregnant, when in the natural this was impossible. **verses 8-17**

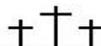
A MIRACLE OF RESURRECTION

- God also wanted to establish that He was not only capable of giving life, but He was also in control of death, by raising a person from the dead. **verses 18-26**
- God would normally tell Elisha ahead of time what was coming down the pipeline, but this time, He kept the prophet in the dark. **verse 27**
- Elisha wanted to delegate the work of raising the child from death to his servant but the woman insisted that the prophet himself come in person. **verses 28-30**
- Elisha's servant could not raise the child from the dead because God wanted to build faith in the prophet as well as in the people of Israel. **verses 31-37**

A FOOD MIRACLE

There are four things that are certain in life:

1. Birth
2. Water to drink
3. Food to eat



4. Death

God established three of these things through Elisha, and now came the proof that God was in control of everything, even food. **verses 38-44**

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS

Before Jesus suffered on the cross, He established His credentials as the Son of God, all the miracles performed through Elisha were repeated by Jesus. **Luke 4:16-27**

THE MINISTRY OF THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Jesus made sure that he left a definite message to his followers as to what to believe, what to do, and how to do it! **Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20**

Every servant of God is going to be sifted as wheat by the Devil! Most Christians are washed out in this process and end up as a “could have been,” never fully becoming the man or woman which God intended them to be. **Luke 22:31-32**

Do you have an ear to hear with?