

Birth, Death and Resurrection

'Now it happened one day that Elisha went to Shunem, where there was a notable woman, and she persuaded him to eat some food. So it was, as often as he passed by, he would turn in there to eat some food'

(2 Kings 4:8)

***'Certain women who had been
healed of evil spirits and infirmities
– Mary called Magdalene, out of
whom had come seven demons, and
Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's
steward, and Susanna and many
others ...provided for Him out of
their substance'***

(Lk.8:2-3)

'And she said to her husband, "Look now, I know that this is a holy man of God, who passes by us regularly. Please, let us make a small upper room on the wall; and let us put a bed for him there, and a table and a chair and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever he comes to us, he can turn in there"'

(2 Kings 4:9-10)

1) Birth

'And it happened one day that he came there, and he turned in to the upper room and lay down there. Then he said to Gehazi his servant, "Call this Shunammite woman." When he had called her, she stood before him. And he said to him, "Say now to her, 'Look, you have been concerned for us with all this care. What can I do for you? Do you want me to speak on your behalf to the king or to the commander of the army?' "She answered, "I dwell among my own people"'

(2 Kings 4:11-13)

'He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward'

(Matt.10:40-42)

'So he said, "What then is to be done for her?" And Gehazi answered, "Actually, she has no son, and her husband is old"'
(2 Kings 4:14)

This was an unasked miracle
Something which God initiates; a work of grace

2) Death

The miracle son died

'And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, shut the door upon him, and went out
(2 Kings 4:14)

***'The gifts of God are without
repentance...'***

***'I know that whatever God does, it
shall be forever. Nothing can be
added to it, and nothing taken from
it. God does it, that men should fear
before Him'***

(Ecc.3:14)

Faith is tested by fire

'...that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ'

(1 Pet.1:7)

3) Resurrection

'Then he said to Gehazi, "Get yourself ready, and take my staff in your hand, and be on your way. If you meet anyone, do not greet him; and if anyone greets you, do not answer him; but lay my staff on the face of the child"'

(2 Kings 4:29)

By faith

***'...women received their dead raised
to life again'
(Heb.11:35)***

**Her faith was in the Word of God, the
unasked-for miracle, that which had
been given by grace**

**The birth, death and
resurrection principle is at the
heart of the Christian faith**

Examples:

- ✓ **Abraham**
- ✓ **Jacob**
- ✓ **Joseph**
- ✓ **Moses**
- ✓ **Samson**
- ✓ **David**

'Then the king talked with Gehazi, the servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell me, please, all the great things Elisha has done." Now it happened, as he was telling the king how he had restored the dead to life, that there was the woman whose son he had restored to life, appealing to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son whom Elisha restored to life"'

(2 Kings 8:4-5)

***'And when the king asked the woman,
she told him. So the king appointed
unto her a certain officer, saying,
restore all that was hers, and all the
fruits of the field since the day that
she left the land, even until now'***

(2 Kings 8:6)