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THE MIRACLES OF JESUS CHRIST

MIRACLE THIRTY-FOUR: Restoring Malchus' Ear (Lk. 22:49-51)

SURVEY

While in Gethsemane Jesus restores the ear of Malchus, servant of the high priest, which ear Simon Peter had foolishly severed with his sword.

SIGNIFICANCE

- This was the final miracle performed prior to Calvary.
- It was also the last of sixteen healing miracles.
- It no doubt saved Simon Peter from certain death.
- It was the only miracle performed on an enemy.

SPIRITUAL TRUTHS

- It is interesting that although all four gospel writers record the act of Malchus' ear being severed, (Mt. 26:51; Mk. 14:4; Lk. 22:50; Jn. 18:10), only Luke the physician tells us of the restoration by Jesus (Lk. 22:51). Also, of the four, only John's gospel actually identifies the one who cut off the ear, Simon Peter by name (Jn. 18:10).
- Note Jesus' stern rebuke in regard to this act of violence:

"Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?" (Mt. 26:52-53)

One of Jesus' little known but important roles apparently assigned to Him by the Father was to function as supreme commander of heaven's angelic armies. The O.T. describes this role as being "captain of the Lord's Host" (see Gen. 32:1-2; Josh. 5:13-14; 1 Sam. 17:45). Thus, holding this highest of rank, He could have easily (as was pointed out to Peter) instantly enlisted the aid of twelve legions of heaven's mighty warriors, numbering an elite army some 72,000 strong! BUT HE WOULD NOT! Jesus came to die for sinful men, not destroy them.