



# Magic Miracles & Messages

Acts 8:4-13, 25

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magic

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wow! wow!

Paid  
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Philip

Preaching the word

Proclaimed  
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Kingdom of God

Good news ...  
& the name of Jesus Christ

Paid  
attention

Great Miracles  
Signs

Joy

Believed  
&  
Baptized



# Paying Attention



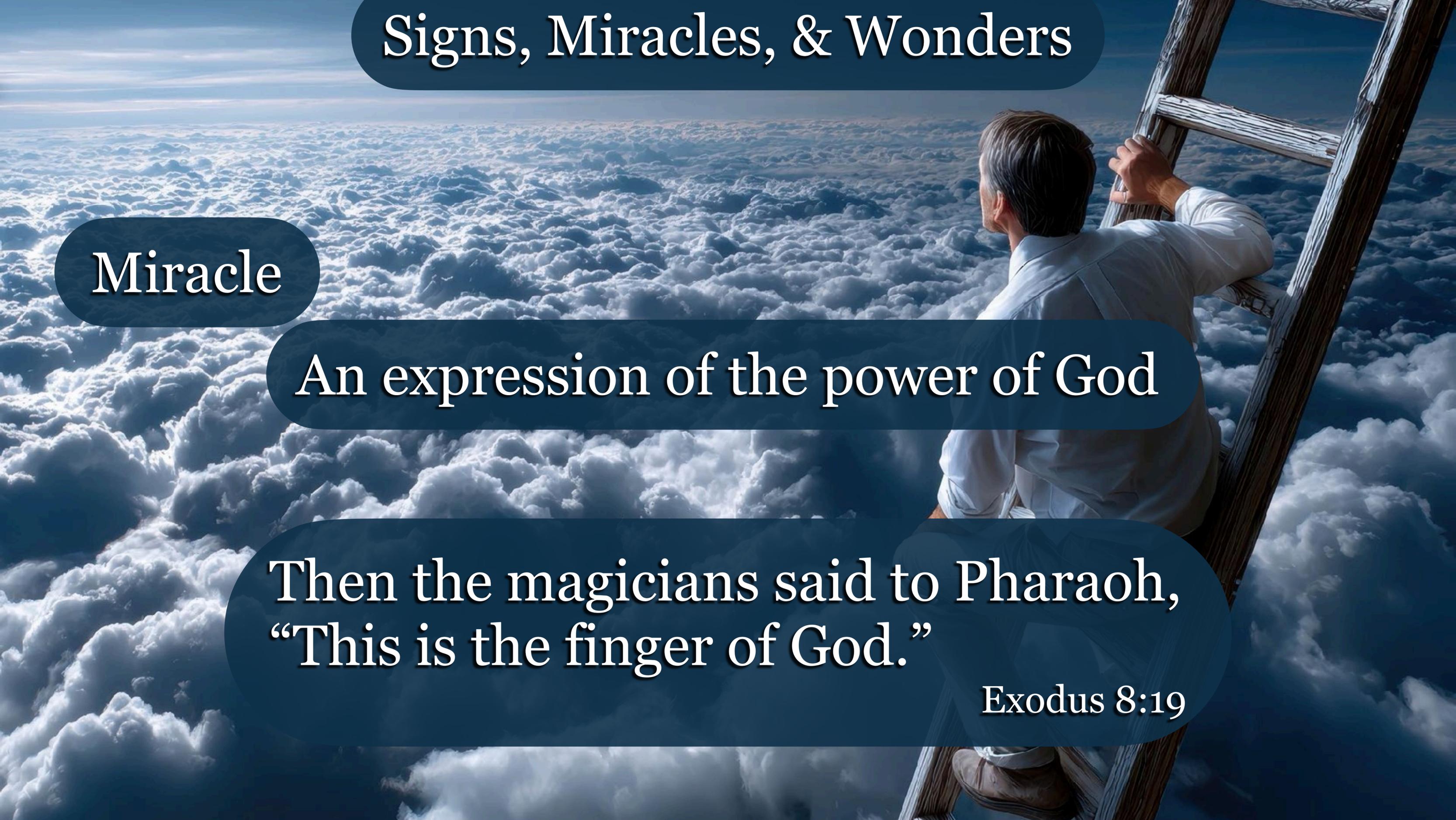
# Paying Attention



A man in a white shirt and light-colored pants is sitting on a wooden ladder, looking out over a vast sea of white clouds under a blue sky. The ladder is positioned on the right side of the frame, and the man is facing left. The clouds are dense and cover the entire lower half of the image. The sky is a deep blue with some light clouds near the horizon.

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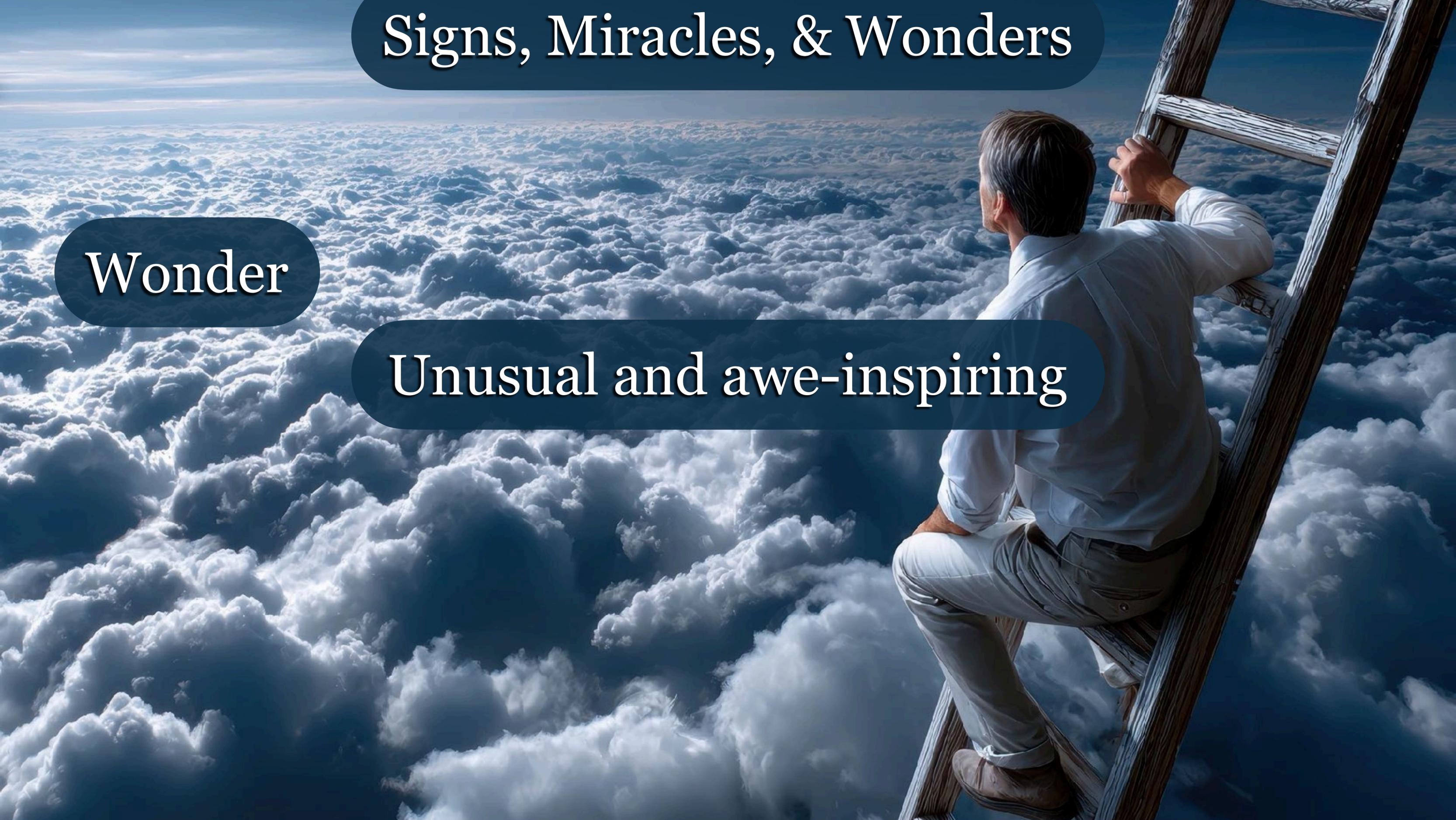
## Miracle

An expression of the power of God

Then the magicians said to Pharaoh,  
“This is the finger of God.”

Exodus 8:19

# Signs, Miracles, & Wonders



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so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:31

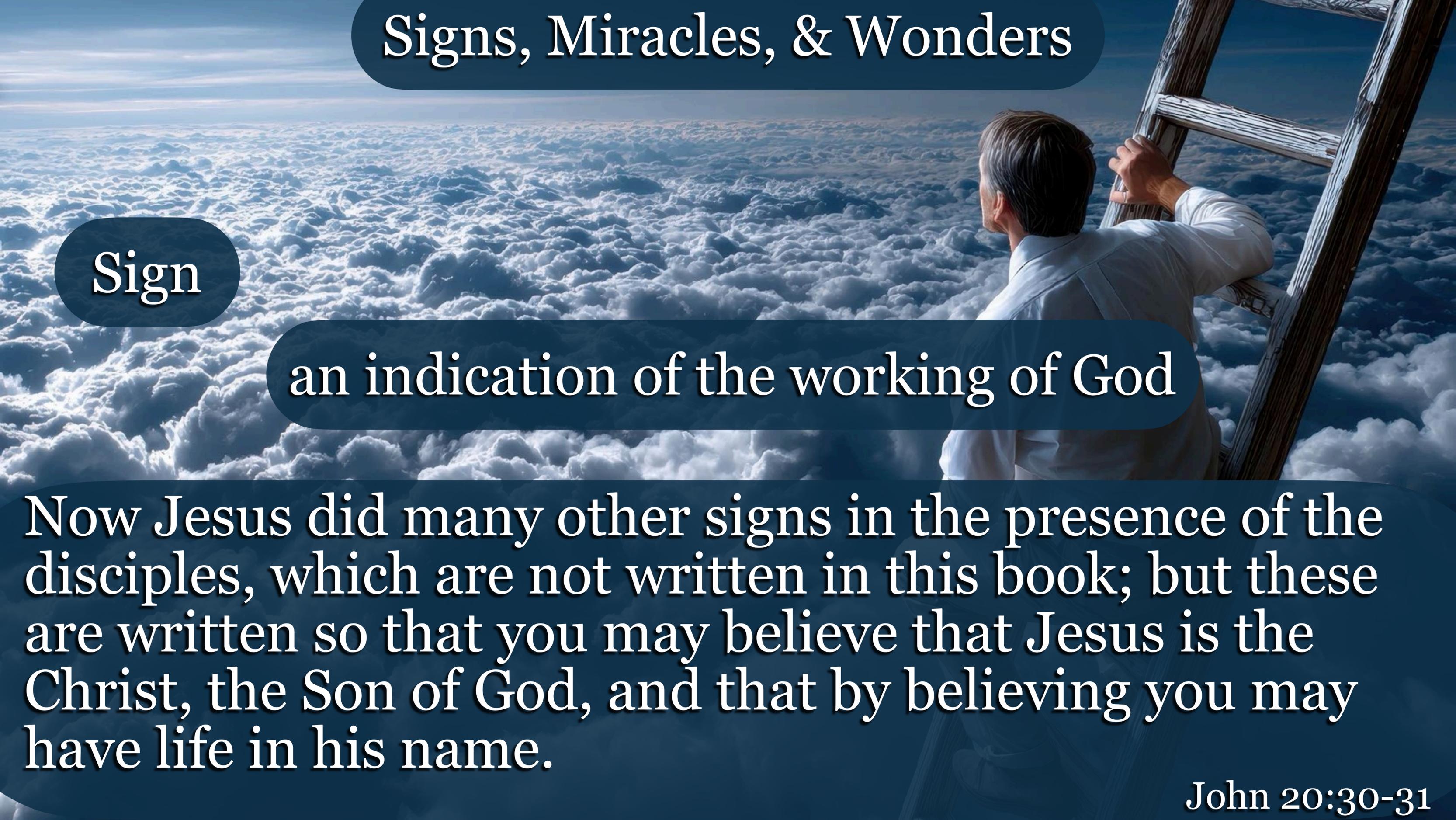
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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:30-31

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Jesus of Nazareth, a man **attested** to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

Acts 2:22

# Signs, Miracles, & Wonders

A man in a light blue shirt and khaki pants is climbing a wooden ladder that extends from the top right towards the center of the frame. The ladder is set against a vast, deep blue sky filled with a thick layer of white, fluffy clouds. The perspective is from above, looking down at the man as he ascends. The overall mood is one of aspiration and spiritual journey.

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Hebrews 2:1-4

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A close-up of a hand holding a glowing, golden orb. The hand is positioned in the lower center of the frame. From the orb, numerous small, bright sparks and particles of light radiate outwards, creating a magical atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus, with some bokeh light spots. The overall color palette is dominated by warm, golden-yellow and orange tones, contrasting with the dark background.

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**JOY!**

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**“This man”**



What will you  
pay attention to?



We implore you  
on behalf of Christ,  
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: Simon uses his magic to earn the praise of men. Philip preaches Jesus and does miracles to bring them know Jesus and Joy. Who will we pay attention to?

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**“Let all that you do be done with love.”**