

# Signs

## Numbers 17 1-13

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### Introduction:

- Their purpose of a sign is to establish Jesus' authority and engender faith

Main Points - you know it's a sign from God when...

1. God initiates the event
  - a. The first two events/endorsements; the people acted God reacted, the last one God acts the people react - judgment, judgment, revelation
  - b. Prophetic signs - God tells the prophet to...
  - c. Jeremiah (belt, flask, field), Ezekiel (laying on one side then the other)
2. God reveals something about himself
  - a. The staff represents resurrection; undeniable miracle life from death; the other two events someone might write off as natural phenomena but not this
  - b. Sometimes we overuse the word, "miracle" and dilute the meaning
  - c. A miracle is when something natural is transcended

3. God accomplishes what he intended to
  - a. The exercise was effective. God did this so the people would know, stop grumbling, and live (lest they die)
  - b. It worked. The people were terrified.
  - c. In a criminal trial proof must be established beyond a reasonable doubt

### Conclusion

- The main point of this passage is to establish the necessity for a priesthood and that priesthood would be appointed by and directed by God