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*Signs & their associated clues!*

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Jesus says 1<sup>st</sup> there have been tons of clues all along:

- *Jesus is speaking like no one ever had – read Sermon on the Mount*
  - *Healing paralysis, healing hemorrhaging, raising a dead person*
  - *Even healing the blind & mute which had never happened before*
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Let's 1<sup>st</sup> look at:

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"Everywhere I go I restore people's lives..."

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1<sup>st</sup> what I think He isn't saying:

- *Jesus drove out demons in the Gospels – over a dozen times BTW*
  - *Satan divided against himself*
  - *He just got done saying look at what I have done...it is always GOOD*
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- *Just 200 years earlier there was massive upheaval in Israel*
  - *A pagan ruler by the name of Antiochus Epiphanes, the king of Syria & a complete megalomaniac tried turning the sacred Jewish Temple in Jerusalem into a pagan shrine*
  - *Judas Maccabeus & his colleagues reacted driving the Syrians out, cleaning house if you will, driving out the “demon” of Syria*
  - *They cleansed the Temple of the paganism & restored worship*
  - *And this rule lasted nearly 100 years*
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  - Then came Herod & his family
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- a) Not only do we have the clue of what Jesus was like, what He said, and what He did
  - b) We have the clue of history
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Point = History is our clue...we are getting nowhere

Point = We need a new inhabitant

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The Resurrection is THE SIGN to the world Jesus is our Savior & Redeemer & God Himself & that God is making good to fix what we cannot

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Jonah 3 - And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

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The only REAL question left is, do you buy it?

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