Sealed By The Father

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"Truly, truly, I say unto you, "You seek Me, not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the food which perishes, but for that food which endures unto everlasting life, which the <u>Son of Man</u> shall give unto you; <u>for God the Father has set His seal upon Him</u>." (John 6:26-27)

Sealed: from the Greek word <u>esphragisen</u> (from <u>sphragizo</u>) which means: sealed; to seal, to set a seal upon. Properly, to seal (affix) with a signet ring or some other instrument; so as to attest, authenticate and bear witness of ownership, or source; to authorize, and validate, what is sealed. Signifies ownership and the full security and authority carried by the backing of the owner (the Father!). "Sealing" in the ancient world served as a legal signature, or witness, <u>which guaranteed the source</u> (the Person) and/or promise of what was sealed.

Father: from the Greek word <u>Pater</u> which means: Father. in context the Heavenly Father of Jesus who God has united to Himself in the closest bond of love and intimacy; and made the Son acquainted with the Father's)purposes; and appointing Jesus to explain and carry out among men the plan of salvation; and has also been made to share in His Father's own divine nature.

In context, **Jesus**, **the Son of Man**, **was sealed (authenticated) by the Father**, through the miracle of the loaves and fishes which satisfied their hunger; and thus also <u>validating</u> (sealing) that Jesus is able also to give "food" (speaking of Himself) to the people that endures to everlasting life! (see John 6:1-14 - the miracle of the loaves and fishes)

Miracles can only be performed by the power God! Thus all the miraculous things performed by Jesus, **authenticates (seals)** that Jesus was sent from God, and also **validates** that Jesus is the Son of Man, even God the Father's promised Messiah born to be the Savior of the world. Consider these verses:

"But I have greater witness than that of John; for the works which the Father has given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent me. And the Father Himself, who has sent Me, has borne witness of Me." (John 5:36-37)

"Believe you not that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of Myself: but the Father who dwells in Me, He does the works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me: or else believe Me for the very works' sake." (John 14:10-11)

"You men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, <u>a Man approved by God among you through miracles and wonders and signs, which God did through Him</u> in your midst, as you yourselves also know; and Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain, and Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death; because it was not possible that He (Jesus) should be held by it.? (Acts 2:22-24)

Jesus was also sealed (authenticated) by the Father's Holy Spirit of Promise:

"And John bore record, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon Him (Jesus).("And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:17) And I did not recognize Him; but He (the Father) who sent me to baptize with water, the Same (the Father) said unto me, 'Upon whom you shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the Same is He (Jesus) who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I saw, and bear record that This-one is the Son of God." (John 1:32-34)

Jesus once said to His adversaries. "If I cast out devils **by the Spirit of God**, then the Kingdom of God has come unto you!" (read in context – Matthew 12:9-28)

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The very words that Jesus spoke unto the people, whether teachings, or parables, or answers to trick questions, or revelations, etc.. revealed the anointing and sealing of the Father on Jesus!

"And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at His doctrine; For He taught them **as One having authority**, and not as the scribes." (Matthew 7:28-29)

"And when He had come into His own region He taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, 'From where has this Man this wisdom, and these mighty works? Is not this the Carpenter's Son? " (Matthew 13:54-55)

"Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the Temple, <u>and taught.</u> And the Jews marveled, saying, 'How does this Man know letters (Truth: knowledge, wisdom, and understanding), having never learned (through formal education)?' Jesus answered them, and said, 'My teaching is not Mine, but His (God) who sent Me.' " (John 7:14-16)

Jesus, the One who was Sealed by the Father is also the One who baptizes and seals us with the same Holy Spirit of promise; as it says:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ; just as He has chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, so that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love; having predestinated us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself (to the Father), according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved (in Jesus), in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace, which He has made to abound towards us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He has purposed in Himself: so that in the dispensation of the fulness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him (i.e. in Christ Jesus); in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things after the counsel of His own will; so that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ; in whom you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the Good News of your salvation; in whom also after you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of Promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of Hs glory." (Ephesians 1:3-14)

Jesus Was Sealed By The Father!!

The Father manifested <u>His Seal</u> upon Jesus through miracles and wonders and signs, which guaranteed and proved that it was God working through Jesus; thus proving that Jesus was indeed God's promised Messiah, and the Savior of the World!

And we who believe are sealed by God with the Holy Spirit of Promise, evidenced by being new creations in Christ Jesus; and by the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

All praise and thanksgiving to You - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Always and always! Forever and ever! Amen and Amen!!