

The Miracles of Jesus



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Lesson One: Introduction

Miracles are amazing, and most everyone loves to read and hear about them. Both the Old and New Testaments record miracles. Jesus performed 37, or 40 if you include the virgin birth, resurrection, and ascension. (See the list on pages 4-5.)

1. What is the definition of a miracle?

There were many Old Testament prophecies that foretold the miracles the Messiah would do. In fact, one of the Jewish ruling council’s responsibilities in identifying the Messiah was to verify and confirm that these miracles had happened.

2. Read the following passages and list the miracles and acts the Messiah would do.

Passage	Miracles and Acts the Messiah Would Do
Isaiah 26:19	
Isaiah 35:5,6	
Isaiah 53:4	

Read Matthew 11:2-5

3. What did Jesus tell John the Baptist’s disciples when they asked him if he was the Messiah?

4. How would this answer confirm to John that Jesus was the Messiah?

5. Why did John even ask if Jesus was the Messiah? Wouldn’t what happened in Matthew 3:13-17 have been enough to convince him?

Read John 11:45-52, which happens immediately after Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, about one week before the crucifixion.

6. What was the council's reaction to hearing about this astounding miracle?

7. What stands out to you about their reasoning and decision?

Over the next several weeks, we will look at some of the miracles Jesus performed. All of them have a message to us beyond the miracle itself. For each of the miracles studied, we will do the following:

Observe: Note the historical/cultural background, the context around the miracle (e.g., when in Jesus's ministry the miracle happened and what happened right before and after the miracle), and the setting of the miracle (e.g., where, when, who).

Interpret: Explore the meaning to those who were present at the miracle and why Jesus performed the miracle.

Apply: Discuss what the miracle means for us today and how to apply what we have learned.

8. Read John 20:31. What was the overarching reason Jesus performed miracles?

9. Have you ever witnessed or heard about a miracle in your lifetime? Tell us about it.

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#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana				2:1-11
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee				4:43-54
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum		1:21-27	4:31-36	
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever	8:14-15	1:29-31	4:38-39	
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening	8:16-17	1:32-34	4:40-41	
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret			5:1-11	
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy	8:1-4	1:40-45	5:12-14	
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum	8:5-13		7:1-10	
9	Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof	9:1-8	2:1-12	5:17-26	
10	Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath	12:9-14	3:1-6	6:6-11	
11	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain			7:11-17	
12	Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea	8:23-27	4:35-41	8:22-25	
13	Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs	8:28-33	5:1-20	8:26-39	
14	Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd With an Issue of Blood	9:20-22	5:25-34	8:42-48	
15	Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Back to Life	9:18, 23-26	5:21-24, 35-43	8:40-42, 49-56	
16	Jesus Heals Two Blind Men	9:27-31			
17	Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Unable to Speak	9:32-34			
18	Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethesda				5:1-15
19	Jesus Feeds 5,000 Plus Women and Children	14:13-21	6:30-44	9:10-17	6:1-15
20	Jesus Walks on Water	14:22-33	6:45-52		6:16-21
21	Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret as They Touch His Garment	14:34-36	6:53-56		
22	Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Demon-Possessed Daughter	15:21-28	7:24-30		
23	Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man		7:31-37		

#	Miracle	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
24	Jesus Feeds 4,000 Plus Women and Children	15:32-39	8:1-13		
25	Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida		8:22-26		
26	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes				9:1-12
27	Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit	17:14-20	9:14-29	9:37-43	
28	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth	17:24-27			
29	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac	12:22-23		11:14-23	
30	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years			13:10-17	
31	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath			14:1-6	
32	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem			17:11-19	
33	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany				11:1-45
34	Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho	20:29-34	10:46-52	18:35-43	
35	Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany	21:18:22	11:12-14		
36	Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While He Is Being Arrested			22:50-51	
37	The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias				21:4-11

Lesson Two: Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana

The first recorded miracle Jesus performed was turning water into wine at a wedding celebration.

1. Read John 2:1–11 and note below anything that stands out to you.

You may have noticed that the list of miracles from Lesson One, question two, that Isaiah said the Messiah would perform does not include turning water into wine. Read Amos 9:11-15.

2. What in this passage foretells about this miracle?

Observe

In Jesus’s time, it was a social blunder to run out of wine at a wedding celebration, which generally lasted several days.

3. What other historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?

4. What were the six water jars generally used for, and what is the significance of Jesus using these jars?

5. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

6. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

- 7. What did this miracle mean to the people that benefited?**

- 8. What was the meaning for Mary and the disciples?**

- 9. Read Luke 22:19-20. What does the cup (full of wine) represent, and how does that relate to this miracle?**

- 10. This miracle neither fed nor healed anyone, nor did it raise anyone from the dead. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at all, and why as his first miracle?**

Apply

- 11. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?**

- 12. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?**

Lesson Three: Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum

This is the first miracle of Jesus that the Gospels of Mark and Luke record.

- 1. Read Mark 1:21-28 and note below anything that stands out to you.**

There are no Old Testament prophecies stating that the Messiah would cast out demons or evil, unclean spirits. In fact, demon possession is only written about in the New Testament.

- 2. Read Luke 8:1,2 and Luke 13:11. What do these verses seem to indicate about evil spirits and infirmities?**
- 3. Do you think there is a difference between demon possession and having a physical or mental infirmity? Explain.**
- 4. Why do you think demon possession is only written about in the New Testament?**

Observe

- 5. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?**
- 6. When in Jesus' ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?**

7. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

8. What did this miracle mean to the man?

9. What was the meaning for the disciples?

10. What did the miracle mean to the people in the synagogue?

11. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

12. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?

13. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Four: Jesus Cleanses a Man with Leprosy

This miracle is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

1. Read Mark 1:40-45 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

In the Bible, leprosy is a word used for any contagious skin condition.

2. Read Leviticus 13:2-3 and 13:45-46 and note below what this says about someone with leprosy.

3. What other historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?

4. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

5. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

6. What did this miracle mean to the man who was healed?
7. What was the meaning for the disciples?
8. What did the miracle mean to the other people present? (Jewish leaders, bystanders, etc.)
9. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

10. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?
11. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Five: Jesus Heals a Centurion’s Servant

- 1. Read Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10 and note below anything that stands out to you.
- 2. What are the differences in the two accounts of this miracle, and how would you explain them?

Observe

- 3. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?
- 4. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?
- 5. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

- 6. List below all the characteristics of the Centurian.

Interpret

7. What did this miracle mean to the Centurian?
8. How does the faith of the Centurian compare and contrast with the Jewish leaders of the time?
9. What is the analogy between the authority of the Centurian and Jesus's authority?
10. What was the meaning of this miracle for the disciples?
11. What did the miracle mean to the other people present? (Jewish leaders, bystanders, etc.)
12. What does it mean that Jesus "marveled" (Matthew 8:10, Luke 7:9)?

Apply

13. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?
14. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Six: Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd

1. Read Mark 5:25-34 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

2. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle (read Leviticus 15: 19-20, 25)?
3. What were all the issues the woman was suffering from?
4. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?
5. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

6. What did this miracle mean to the woman?

7. What was the meaning for the disciples?
8. What did the miracle mean to the crowd?
9. Why did Jesus ask who touched him? Did he not know?
10. Why did the woman come in fear and trembling and falling at Jesus' feet when Jesus asked who touched him?

Apply

11. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?
12. Does healing always involve physical restoration?
13. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Seven: Jesus Feeds 5,000, Plus Women and Children

This is the only miracle that is recorded in all four Gospels.

1. Read Mark 6:30-44 and John 6:1-15 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

2. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

3. Where did this miracle take place, and why was such a large crowd following Jesus?

4. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

5. What did this miracle mean to the crowd?

6. What was the meaning for the disciples?

7. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

8. Read John 6:22-40. How does this relate to the feeding of the 5,000? What is Jesus teaching?

9. What did Jesus say in John 6:12, and where is that echoed in John 6:22-40? What is the significance of this?

10. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?

11. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Eight: Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman’s Demon-Possessed Daughter

This miracle occurs in the districts of Tyre and Sidon, situated on the Mediterranean Sea coast. This is the only recorded instance of Jesus leaving Israel during his ministry.

1. Read Matthew 15:21-28 and Mark 7:24-30 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

2. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?

3. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

4. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

5. Why did Jesus withdraw to this area outside of Israel?

6. In Matthew 15:26 and Mark 7:27, what did the words “children”, “bread”, and “dogs” represent?
7. Why did Jesus say this to the woman, and what did her words back to Jesus signify?
8. What did this miracle mean to the woman?
9. What was the meaning for the disciples?
10. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

11. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?
12. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Nine: Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida

This passage records one of several times Jesus healed a blind person.

1. Read Mark 8:22-26 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

2. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?

3. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

4. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

5. This is one of many times Jesus restored sight to the blind. Read the passages below and list how Jesus performed the miracle.

Passage	How Jesus Restored Sight
Matthew 9:29	
Matthew 20:34	
Mark 8:23	
Luke 18:42	
John 9:6,7	

Interpret

6. Why do you think Jesus used different methods when he restored sight?
7. Why do you think Jesus led the blind man out of the village to heal him?
8. Jesus could have healed this man immediately, but instead, he healed him in two stages. Why do you think Jesus did that?
9. What did this miracle mean to the blind man?
10. What was the meaning for the disciples?
11. What did the miracle mean to the other people present?
12. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

13. What does this miracle mean for us today, and what does it mean to you personally?
14. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?

Lesson Ten: Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead

1. Read John 11:1-45 and note below anything that stands out to you.

Observe

2. What historical or cultural setting do you know or did you observe when reading about this miracle?

3. When in Jesus’ ministry did this occur, and what happened right before and after the miracle?

4. In the table below, list the people present at the miracle and what they did and said.

Person	What They Did and/or Said
Jesus	

Interpret

5. What did this miracle mean to Lazarus?

6. What did it mean to Mary and Martha?
7. What was the meaning for the disciples?
8. What did the miracle mean to the other people present?
9. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle at this time and place?

Apply

10. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to give him new life. How does this relate to us today?
11. How Lazarus came out of the grave still bound with the linen strips, we do not know, but what did Jesus tell the people to do in verse 44? Why didn't Jesus have Lazarus come out unbound, and how does this relate to your answer to question 10?
12. How can you apply what you have learned from this miracle?