

JESUS

8. THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

STUDY AHEAD

The miracles of Jesus had a SPECIFIC PURPOSE which is recorded in John's gospel with Jesus' words; ***"Why then do you accuse Me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son?' Do not believe Me, unless I do what My Father does. But, if I do it, even though you do not believe Me, believe the miracles, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me, and I in the Father"*** (John 7: 36-38).

JESUS PERFORMED 4 TYPES OF MIRACLES TO PROVE HIS DEITY: **1. Healed Sickness; 2. Controlled Nature & the Physical World; 3. Commanded Demons; 4. Raised the Dead.** We will give examples, with a final specific example.

1. Healed Sickness

- **Woman bleeding for 12 years** (Mk 5:24-34; Lk 8:43-48)

What was her determination? What did Jesus affirm her for?

- **10 men healed of leprosy** (Lk 17:11-19)

What attribute of Jesus did they appeal to? How did He respond? What was Jesus looking for in response?

- **Blind Bartimaeus' healed** (Lk 18:35-43; Mk 10:46-52)

Who did he claim Jesus to be? How did he respond after?

***Healing the paralyzed man** (Mk 2:1-12; Lk 5:17-26)

What was Jesus doing where the crowds gathered? What did the 4 friends do for their paralyzed friend? What caused Jesus to respond? What aspect of Deity did Jesus declare?

What other aspect of Deity did Jesus display by challenging the leaders' inner thoughts? What were they thinking? Was he paralyzed because of his sin? (See Jn 9:1-3) What did Jesus want them to know? (Mk 10:10)

2. Controlled Nature & Physical World

- **Controlled fish (none, then plenty) at beginning and end of His ministry** (Lk 5:1-11; Jn 21:1-14).

(Lk 5:1-11) How was Peter drawn into Jesus' ministry? (Lk 5:3)

How did Simon Peter's previous night fishing prepare him for Jesus' challenge? (Lk 5:5). How did Jesus' control over the fish and the large catch impact Simon Peter? (Lk 5: 6-8).

After Jesus' death & resurrection, what did Peter and some disciples do? (Jn 21:3) What results did Jesus ensure?

When He told them to try again, what happened? (Lk 5:6,11)

- **Jesus multiplied bread & fish for 5,000 & 4,000**

(Mk 6:38-44 & Mk 8:1-10) Jesus challenged His disciples'

lack of understanding (Mk 8:17-21) How are we like them?!

***Jesus Stills the Storm** (Mk 4:35-41; Lk 8:22-25)

What caused so much fear in the disciples?

How did Jesus stop the raging storm?

What caused them *more* fear? (Mk 4:41).

What did the disciples marvel at?

3. Commanded Demons

“Whenever the evil spirits saw Him, they fell down before Him and cried out, ‘You are the Son of God.’ But He gave them strict orders not to tell who He was.” (Mk 3:11,12)

What were the evil spirits afraid of? (Mk 1:24; Mt 8:29)

Satan & Demon origin Isaiah 14:12-15 & Ezek. 28:12-17

explain that Satan's pride caused him to rebel against God before the creation of humanity. God expelled him from His presence & Satan was hurled to earth. Revelation 12:4, 7-9 describe 1/3 of the 'stars' (Satan's angels) fell with him.

Jesus will judge Satan & his demons in the end.

***Jesus cast out a legion of demons** (Lk 8:26-39; Mk 5:1-20)

What does this account teach about the power of demons?

What happened when Jesus cast them out of the man?

Once healed, how did he act? What did he want to do?

What did Jesus tell him? Who did he declare Jesus was?

4. Raised the Dead

3 key resurrection accounts are given:

Jairus' daughter (Lk 8:40-41, 49-56) What did Jesus say to the daughter? What happened that brought her back to life?

Widow of Nain's son (Lk 7:11-17) What moved Jesus to act (her situation and emotion she displayed)? What brought the young man back to life? How did the people respond?

***Lazarus of Bethany** (Jn 11:1-45) This was the climax.

What specific purpose did Jesus have? (v.4,40 & v.14-15)

Who did Jesus declare that He was? (v.25)

What will happen to those who believe in Him? (v.26)

Who did Martha declare Jesus to be? (v.27)

How many days had Lazarus been dead? (v.39)

What brought him back to life? (v.43)

How do these miracles impact your faith in Jesus?

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