

MIRACULOUS

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APRIL 24 | JESUS AND FISH

JOHN 21:1-14

1. Read verse 1 & verse 4, what word does John repeat in each verse? How has Jesus revealed Himself to you? In what ways does your life reveal Jesus to others today?
2. The disciples had fished all night without a single catch and in verse 6, they catch an abundance of fish which they were “not able to haul in”. Read verses 4-5, what do you learn about Jesus? Why do you think the disciples followed the instructions without question? Has there been a time you might have worked with little or no tangible result, felt defeated, tired, and ready to give up? Describe your response. Can you think of a time when the Lord brought abundance and satisfaction to your work?
3. The “disciple whom Jesus loved” recognized the “man on the beach” as “the Lord” in verse 7. In verse 12 all the disciples recognized Jesus. What do you think allowed them to recognize Jesus? Have you ever recognized Christ’s presence or His involvement in something you were doing? What miraculous things is He doing in your life today?
4. Read verses 9 and 10. What do you think about the fact that Jesus already had a fire going, complete with fried fish and loaves of bread? What does this tell you about Jesus and the relationship He wants to have with you?
5. How does this encounter Jesus had with the disciples support or challenge the way you encounter Him in your life with family, friends, at work or church?



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MAY 1 | JESUS AND WINE

JOHN 2:1-11

1. Define the word miracle. What do you believe about miracles, are they simply luck...or divine events? Do you believe miracles occur today? Have you ever experienced a situation you called a miracle?
2. Jesus was invited to the wedding along with four of his disciples. He was engaged with every[one] at the wedding. What does that say about how Jesus relates to others? How would you describe your relationship with Jesus based on John 15:15?
3. This event at the wedding could have caused much embarrassment to the newlyweds. Why do you think Mary bothered to tell Jesus, "They have no wine"? Notice her response to Jesus' reply, she simply went on to tell the servants to do whatever He instructed them to do. When you take problems to the Lord in prayer what is your attitude and how do you respond in waiting for His answer?
4. Read verse 4. What did Jesus mean when He said, "My hour has not yet come"?
5. The servants were told to fill the jars "up to the brim" with water. What does this tell you about Jesus and His desire for people, and for you today? (See Mark 10:45).
6. John calls the miracle a "sign" (v. 11).
What ultimate miracle did this sign point to? (See Matthew 12:39-40).



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MAY 8 | JESUS AND WOMEN

MARK 1:29-34

1. Do you think the image of women and mothers has changed from when Mother's Day was instituted (1914) in comparison to today, and if so...why?
2. Read Luke 4:38-39. Jesus simply rebuked the fever Peter's mother-in-law had and she immediately resumed serving her family along Jesus, James, John, and Andrew. As mothers we often care for our families irregardless of an illness such as cold, flu, high fever, migraines, or other ailments. How often do women play the victim when 'under the weather' instead of faithfully going to Jesus for His healing and strength?
3. Read Luke 8:40-48. Describe the difference in the faith of Jarius and the woman and how and when each sought Jesus' healing. How often do we seek the world's answers and help for our physical needs before seeking Jesus?
4. Luke 13:10-17, it is the Sabbath, Jesus is teaching in the synagogue when he notices a woman bent forward. No one appealed to Him to intervene on her behalf, but Jesus is moved with compassion to heal her. What does this passage say caused her disability? Have you ever been disabled by negative thoughts about yourself or by someone's comment about you? How has the image of women portrayed on social media, with influencers and advertisements, effected your perception of self?
5. The ruler of the synagogue became indignant when Jesus healed the disabled woman on the Sabbath. How did Jesus rebuke him? What does this tell you about God's grace and the law?
6. How is the world's view of women different from God's view? List traits the world expects women to possess and how do they draw women and mothers from God's design?
7. From the scripture passages and the sermon, how do you perceive Jesus values women?

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MAY 15 | JESUS AND FAITH

MATTHEW 8:5-13 & LUKE 7:1-10

1. Luke's account tells us that the centurion valued his servant, so why do you think he asked the Jewish elders to ask for Jesus' healing power instead of going himself? Has there ever been a time you asked someone to pray for you without going to Jesus in prayer yourself? Why or why not?
2. Discuss the perception of the centurion's worthiness as recorded in Luke 7:4, of the Jewish elders, and what the centurion said about himself in Matthew 8:8. What was the reason for the centurion's feeling of unworthiness in the presence of Jesus? Have you ever felt you were unworthy of Jesus' power to heal or His power to relieve your suffering? What does this event with the centurion say about what Jesus values as worthy?
3. A centurion was a Roman Officer commanding 100 soldiers. How did the centurion compare his authority over 100 soldiers with the authority Jesus possessed? Read Mark 15:39, another centurion proclaimed faith in Jesus, what significant event caused it? When did you proclaim your faith in Jesus?
4. Jesus marveled at the faith of the centurion, read Matthew 8:10. How do you think a foreigner in Capernaum of the region of Galilee could have obtained such great faith? What would Jesus say about your faith today? As you consider the students who participated in the confirmation service, what are you willing to do to help them grow in their faith with Jesus? As a parent or grandparent, what faith experiences with Jesus could you share with your family building a legacy on the foundation of faith in Jesus?
5. We don't know if Jesus physically went into the centurion's home, but we do know He is omnipresent and like the centurion, we know God's power has no limits. Considering Jesus' presence and power, what things might you need to start depending on Jesus for?

