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Miracle

Exploring the Miracles of Jesus

Sunset Adult Education Study Guide

April 21 - July 7

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What do you think of when you hear the word “miracle”?

What is the significance of the miracles in the ministry of Jesus?

April 21

Miracles Have a Message

Text to Read

Matthew 8:26 - 27; 9:8, 33;
13:54; 14:14; 16:5 - 8;

Mark 1:41; 6:2; 8:2

Luke 4:18 - 19; 5:26; 7:13;
9:1; 10:17 - 19

John 2:11; 5:36; 6:2; 7:31;
9:35 - 41; 10:38; 14:11 -
12:20:30 - 31

Acts 2:19, 22

What is your favorite miracle? What is it about this miracle that impresses you the most?

How were the miracles of Jesus different from many claims of miraculous experiences we hear about today?

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April 28

***The Best
Is Yet to
Come***

Text to Read

John 2:1 - 11

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

Why do you think Mary turned to Jesus?

Why was Jesus reluctant to perform this miracle?

Why do you think He goes ahead and performs the miracle?

What does this miracle tell us about the character of Jesus?

What is the best that Jesus has given you?

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May 5

Throw Out the Nets

Text to Read

Luke 5:1 - 9

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

Why did Jesus tell him to drop his nets in the same place where he had caught nothing?

Why do you think Peter obeyed Jesus despite his expertise and experience (verses 4-5)? Discuss the idea of how our expertise and experiences can get in the way of God's plans for us.

How does the miraculous catch of fish demonstrate the divine power of Jesus, and how does it impact Simon Peter and his companions?

Why do you think Jesus would call fishermen as his first disciples?

When was the last time you were overwhelmed by God's greatness and your unworthiness? What caused it? How did it affect your relationship with the Lord?

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May 12

A Leper Cleansed

Text to Read

Mark

1:40 - 45

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

Research and describe the effects of leprosy.

What is revealed about this leper in the way he approaches Jesus?

What is impressive about the compassion of Jesus?

Why was it surprising that Jesus touched the leper?

How is leprosy a fitting and powerful picture of sin and the consequences of sin?

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May 19

Four-Part

Harmony

Text to Read

Mark

2:1 - 12

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

In this passage what is the relationship between their faith and their works?

Why do you think Jesus chose to forgive the man's sins before healing him physically?

Why were the scribes so offended by Jesus's healing of the man? Why was Jesus' forgiving of sins considered blasphemy?

In what ways has your life demonstrated a willingness to get to Jesus like the paralytic and his friends?

What obstacles have you overcome to meet with Jesus? How has the faith of your friends affected you?

How can you be like the friends of the paralytic and bring people to Jesus? What would that look like for you?

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May 26

“Peace, Be Still”

Text to Read

Mark

4:35 - 41

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

What does the calming of the storm reveal about who Jesus is?

Why do you think the disciples are more terrified after the storm than before? In what ways might it be both comforting and terrifying to be in Jesus' presence?

How is it comforting to know that Jesus, in His sovereignty, led the disciples into this fierce storm?

In what ways can you identify with the fearful disciples?

How has Jesus helped you handle your fears and frustrations during stormy times?

Describe the storms or difficult season in your life. How have your storms helped you follow Jesus more closely?

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June 2

The

Demons

that Bind Us

Text to Read

Mark 5:1 - 20

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

In your own words, try to explain what this demon-possessed man's life was like?

What's significant about the name 'Legion'?

How would you describe the 'contest' between Jesus and the demons?

What does this miracle tell you about the power of Jesus Christ?

How has today's passage strengthened your faith, knowing that Jesus is powerfully good and thus no evil can stand against Him?

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June 9

The Great Physician...At Last!

Text to Read

Mark 5:25 - 34

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

How would you compare the faith of Jairus with the faith of the woman in the story? (5:23, 28)

What does it tell us about the nature and power of Jesus when He says, “who touched me?”

How does Jesus’ treatment of the sick woman and Jairus offer comfort to us today?

Why do you think the bleeding woman was afraid to admit she was the one who had touched Jesus?

What does this passage tell us about Jesus’ character?

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June 16

A Lad and His Lunch

Text to Read

John

6:1 - 15

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

What expectations did this crowd place on Jesus? What imperfect motives and false expectations do you think modern day people place on Jesus in our culture?

Describe the difference between Philip's response and Andrew's response to Jesus' request to feed the people. What does this tell you about the faith of these men?

What is the significance that people ate "as much as they wanted"?

Is there any significance that there were twelve baskets left? If so, what can we learn from this?

How does Jesus provide for you?

What does Jesus mean when he says, "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."?

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June 23

***Frustration
with a Fig
Tree***

Text to Read

Mark

11:11 - 25

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree?

How is the fruitless fig tree a picture of what's going on in the temple?

Why does Jesus get so upset that there is money changing hands and things being sold in the Temple?

What's the connection between faith and prayer?

How is prayer an expression of our faith in God? With what attitude should we pray and how can we have this attitude?

How is faith and prayer a solution to fruitlessness?

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June 30

“I Was Blind...But Now I See!”

Text to Read

John 9;

Mark 8:22 - 25

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

What is the significance of the disciples' question about sin and suffering in relation to present-day interpretations of adversity?

What does the healing of the blind man reveal about Jesus' power over physical afflictions?

How do the Pharisees' responses to the miracle reflect their spiritual blindness?

Why do you think Jesus talked about being the light of the world right before healing this man?

How does the blind man's expulsion from the synagogue reflect the cost of discipleship?

How does the healed man's confession of faith inspire your personal faith journey?

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July 7

“I Am the Resurrection and the Life”

Text to Read

John 11:1 - 44

What impresses you about Jesus in this miracle?

How would you characterize the relationship that Jesus had with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus?

When Jesus tells His disciples that they are going to return to Judea, why are they surprised and what does Jesus' response indicate about His character and resolve?

Mary and Martha both questioned Jesus' decision to stay away. What does the narrative tell us about why Jesus does not come straight away and why he allowed Lazarus to die?

What does the fact that Jesus wept say about him?

What does it mean for Jesus to be the resurrection and the life? What specifically does it mean for your life?