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# *Miracles of Jesus Advent*

CHRISTMAS 2022



DAY 1:

## *Virgin Birth*

READ:

MATTHEW 1:18-25, LUKE 1:26-28

QUESTIONS:

WHAT HAPPENED IN THESE PASSAGES?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT HAPPENED IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS GOD.*

AFTER 400 YEARS OF NOT HEARING WORDS FROM GOD, ISRAEL WAS ANTICIPATING GOD TO INTERVENE IN A POWERFUL WAY. WHEN JESUS CAME TO EARTH AS PROMISED HIS ARRIVAL WAS SUPERNATURAL. HE WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN (1:18) AS PROMISED (ISAIAH 7:14). JOSEPH, HIS EARTHLY FATHER, WAS VISITED 5 TIMES BY ANGELS AND IN DREAMS CLARIFYING FOR HIM WHO JESUS WAS AND THAT HE WAS STILL TO WED MARY BECAUSE SHE HAD NOT BEEN IMPURE. JESUS IS FROM THE LINE OF DAVID (2 SAMUEL 7:10-14) WHICH WAS REQUIRED FOR SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE THE KING OF ISRAEL. HIS ARRIVAL WAS PRECEDED BY A SUPERNATURAL SIGN IN THE SKY, A STAR OR SOMETHING SIMILAR, THAT WOULD EVEN DRAW PAGAN NATIONS TO COME AND SEE THE NEWBORN CHILD (MATTHEW 2:1-2). IF JESUS IS GOD'S SON, THEN SOMETHING BEYOND NATURAL DESCRIPTION SHOULD BE SURROUNDING HIS BIRTH. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED AND WHY WE CAN SAY "JESUS IS GOD."

DIG MORE:

ALL OF THE MIRACLES IN THIS STUDY, JOHN 1:1-4; 14-17

DAY 2:

*Water Turned to Wine*

READ:

JOHN 2:1-11

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?  
WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?  
WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?  
WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?  
HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS PROVEN.*

AT THIS POINT IN THE STORY JESUS HAS ARRIVED ON THE SCENE AND BEEN ANNOUNCED BY JOHN THE BAPTIST WHICH WAS PROPHESED (ISAIAH 40:3) AND NECESSARY FOR THE MESSIAH. JOHN HAS BAPTIZED HIS COUSIN JESUS AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS RESTED ON JESUS AS THE VOICE OF GOD ANNOUNCED THE FACT THAT JESUS WAS GOD. JOHN ALSO PUBLICLY REFERS TO JESUS AS THE "LAMB OF GOD" (JOHN 1:35) AND ANDREW TELLS HIS BROTHER SIMON (PETER) THAT WE "HAVE FOUND THE MESSIAH." JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE AS HIS FIRST MIRACLE, THE ONE REVEALING JUST HOW POWERFUL HE REALLY IS. NOTICE THAT HIS FIRST MIRACLE IS TAKING 6 WATER POTS USED FOR CLEANSING (THE LAW) AND CHANGING THEM TO WINE TO INSTITUTE A CELEBRATION. IT'S AS IF THIS WAS USHERING IN A TRANSITION FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT TO THE NEW. IT ANNOUNCED THAT JESUS TRULY WAS WHO HE CLAIMED TO BE. IT WAS "PROOF" TO THE WORLD THAT JESUS HAS AUTHORITY ON EARTH THAT NO ONE HAD EVER SEEN BEFORE.

DIG MORE:

2 SAMUEL 7:13-16; GALATIANS 4:4

DAY 3:

*First Haul of Fishes*

READ:

LUKE 5:1-11

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS PROVIDER.*

NOW THAT JESUS HAS BEGUN HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY, HE HAS STARTED TO ATTRACT A CROWD. HE BEGINS TO TEACH AND PEOPLE ARE WONDERING WHERE HE GETS HIS AUTHORITY TO DO SO. AFTER JESUS MEETS THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THROUGH HIS TEACHING, HE ALSO MEETS THEIR PHYSICAL NEEDS THROUGH THIS MIRACLE. HE PROVIDES MORE FISH IN A MOMENT THAN ANY OF THESE FISHERMEN COULD DREAM OF CATCHING. JESUS IS PROVING HE IS WHO HE SAYS HE IS THROUGH THIS MIRACLE OF PROVISION. IT IS HERE THAT SIMON (PETER), JAMES AND JOHN REALIZE THEY ARE WILLING TO LEAVE EVERYTHING BEHIND IN ORDER TO FOLLOW JESUS AND THE PROVISION HE OFFERS.

DIG MORE:

GENESIS 22:13-14; MARK 6:35-44; MATTHEW 6:25-33

DAY 4:

*Cast Out an Unclean Spirit*

READ:

MARK 1:23-28, LUKE 4:31-37

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?  
WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?  
WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?  
WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?  
HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS AUTHORITY.*

JESUS CONTINUES TO ATTRACT ATTENTION AS HE BEGINS TEACHING IN THE SYNAGOGUES IN CAPERNAUM. THE PEOPLE RECOGNIZED HE WAS TEACHING WITH AUTHORITY, NOT AS THE SCRIBES. A MAN WITH AN UNCLEAN SPIRIT WAS THERE AND IMMEDIATELY CONFIRMED THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS AS WELL. THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT NOT ONLY KNEW THAT JESUS WAS THE HOLY ONE OF GOD, BUT ALSO RECOGNIZED JESUS HAD THE POWER TO DESTROY HIM WITH A WORD. JESUS DID CAST OUT THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT AS VALIDATION OF WHAT THE PEOPLE HAD ALREADY SEEN- JESUS HAD BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY OF GOD.

DIG MORE:

MARK 11:27-33; JOHN 3:2; MATTHEW 28: 18-20

DAY 5:

# *Raised a Widow's Son from the Dead*

READ:

LUKE 7:11-18

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS SYMPATHY.*

AS JESUS APPROACHED THE GATES OF THE CITY OF NAIN, THERE WAS A LARGE CROWD WITH HIM. IT MUST HAVE BEEN OBVIOUS AS ANOTHER CROWD WAS COMING TOWARDS THEM OUT OF THE CITY. IT WAS A FUNERAL PROCESSION AND JESUS IMMEDIATELY FELT COMPASSION AND SYMPATHY FOR THIS WOMAN WHO WAS A WIDOW AND HAD NOW LOST HER ONLY SON. SHE WAS LEFT ALONE WITH NO ONE TO PROVIDE OR CARE FOR HER AND JESUS FELT HER LOSS. HE CHOSE TO STOP THE PROCESSION AND TELL HER SON TO "ARISE!" HE WAS GIVEN BACK TO HIS MOTHER WHO WAS UNDOUBTEDLY OVERJOYED TO BE REUNITED WITH HER SON. JESUS SYMPATHIZES WITH PEOPLE, SO MUCH SO HE WAS MOVED TO RAISE THIS YOUNG MAN FROM THE DEAD!

DIG MORE:

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4; ROMANS 12:15; HEBREWS 4:15

DAY 6:  
*Stilled the Storm*

READ:

MATTHEW 8:23-27, MARK 4:35-41, LUKE 8:22-25

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?  
WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?  
WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?  
WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?  
HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS PEACE.*

JESUS KNEW THE STORM WOULD COME, BUT ALLOWED IT; HE WAS EVEN ASLEEP DURING IT! WHEN THE DISCIPLES AWOKE HIM, HE ASKED WHY THEY HAD NO FAITH AND WERE AFRAID. JESUS IS PEACE; HE IS IN CONTROL OF EVERYTHING. BECAUSE WE HAVE HIM WITH US, WE DON'T NEED TO FEAR OR WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING. HE PROVIDES US WITH ABUNDANT PEACE, NOW CHOOSE TO REST IN IT.

DIG MORE:

JOHN 16:33, COLOSSIANS 3:15, JOHN 14:27,  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

DAY 7:

## *Cured the Paralytic*

READ:

MATTHEW 9:1-8, MARK 2:1-12, LUKE 5:17-26

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS FORGIVENESS.*

JESUS DIDN'T KNOW THE PARALYTIC'S NAME, WHERE HE WAS FROM, OR ANY PART OF HIS STORY. WHAT CHRIST DID KNOW, HOWEVER, WAS THAT THIS MAN, LIKE US ALL, WAS A SINNER IN DESPERATE NEED OF A SAVIOR. THEREFORE, DESPITE THIS MAN'S OBVIOUS PHYSICAL NEED, JESUS BEGAN THEIR INTERACTION BY FOCUSING ON HIS GREATER NEED - THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. NO ACTS OF PENANCE OR CAREFULLY WORDED PRAYERS WERE REQUIRED FROM THE MAN. ALL IT TOOK WAS FIVE POWERFUL WORDS SPOKEN FROM THE SON OF GOD AND THIS MAN'S ETERNITY WAS CHANGED - FOREVER! PRAISE BE TO GOD THAT THE SAME OPPORTUNITY REMAINS FOR US TODAY!

DIG MORE:

MATTHEW 18:21-35, JOHN 7:53-8:11



DAY 8:

*Cured a Woman Bleeding  
for 12 Years*

READ:

LUKE 8:43-48, MARK 5:25-34, MATTHEW 9:20-22

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS COMPASSION.*

THOUGH CHRIST WAS ALWAYS BUSY, HE WAS NEVER IN A HURRY. THIS STORY IS NO EXCEPTION. THOUGH THE URGENT PLEAS OF AN AILING GIRL'S FATHER BECKONED CHRIST TO RUSH AWAY FROM THE CROWD, JESUS PATIENTLY TOOK HIS TIME TO BOTH HEAL AND INTERACT WITH THIS SICK WOMAN. IT'S AS IF THE HOOPS AND HOLLERS OF THE CROWD AND THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF THE TASK BEFORE HIM FADED INTO THE BACKGROUND AS CHRIST COMPASSIONATELY FIXED HIS LOVING GAZE UPON THIS WOMAN. HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO KNOW THAT WE SERVE A KING WHO IS NEVER TOO BUSY TO SHOW US COMPASSION!

DIG MORE:

MATTHEW 9:36, MATTHEW 14:14, MATTHEW 15:32

DAY 9:

# *Raised the Ruler's Daughter from the Dead*

READ:

MATTHEW 9:18-26, MARK 5:22-24, LUKE 8:41-46

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS BELIEF.*

THE OFFICIAL IN THIS STORY CAME TO JESUS KNOWING HIS DAUGHTER WAS DYING, BUT BELIEVING THAT JESUS COULD HEAL HER. HE SIMPLY ASKED FOR JESUS TO LAY HIS HANDS ON HER, BELIEVING HE COULD HEAL HER. IN MARK, IT SAYS THAT THE MAN "IMplored JESUS EARNESTLY." HE BELIEVED JESUS COULD DO IT! AFTER BEING STOPPED BY A WOMAN ALSO NEEDING HEALING ON THE WAY TO THE MAN'S HOUSE AND LEARNING OF HIS DAUGHTER'S DEATH, JESUS TELLS THE MAN, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE." EVEN WHEN THEY GOT TO THE HOUSE AND EVERYONE WAS LAUGHING AT THE PROSPECT OF RAISING THE GIRL FROM THE DEAD, THE MAN STILL BELIEVED. WHEN ALL HOPE IS LOST AND THINGS SEEM LIKE THEY WILL NEVER GET BETTER, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT JESUS HAS A PLAN? THAT HE WILL WORK IT OUT FOR GOOD AND FOR HIS GLORY?

DIG MORE:

JOHN 6:29, JOHN 6:35, JOHN 14:1, JOHN 20:31, ACTS 16:31

DAY 10:

*Opened the Eyes of Two  
Blind Men*

READ:

MATTHEW 9:27-31

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS MERCY.*

THE TWO BLIND MEN IN THIS STORY FOLLOWED JESUS, ASKING HIM FOR MERCY. THIS WAS NO SMALL FEAT! TWO BLIND MEN, FOLLOWING JESUS TO A HOME! THEY LONGED TO EXPERIENCE HIS MERCY, TO EXPRESS THEIR FAITH TO HIM IN A GENUINE WAY AND EXPERIENCE HIS HEALING. THEY HAD FAITH, ASKED HIM FOR MERCY, AND HE GAVE IT. YES, THEY FOLLOWED JESUS, BUT THEY DID NOTHING ELSE TO DESERVE HIS MERCY. THIS IS THE SIMPLE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL. NO ONE HAS DONE ANYTHING DESERVING OF JESUS' MERCY; REALLY QUITE THE OPPOSITE, WE DESERVE DEATH. YES HIS MERCY IS CONSTANT, WAITING FOR US TO FOLLOW HIM AND RECEIVE IT.

DIG MORE:

1 TIMOTHY 1:16, JOHN 3:16, HEBREWS 4:16, ROMANS 6:23,  
EPHESIANS 2:4-7

DAY 11:

*Loosened the Tongue of a  
Mute Man*

READ:

MATTHEW 9:32-33

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS UNPRECEDENTED.*

JESUS' MINISTRY AND KNOWLEDGE OF HIS MINISTRY IS INCREASING RAPIDLY. THE PEOPLE ARE ALL ASKING WHO THIS MAN IS THAT HAS TEACHINGS BEYOND THEIR IMAGINATION, WHO HEALS WITH THE TOUCH OF A HAND, AND WHO CLAIMS TO BE GOD! THE PEOPLE THAT SAW THIS MIRACLE SAW A MAN POSSESSED BY A DEMON WHO WAS MUTE BE FREE AND TALK AGAIN. THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSE? "NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS EVER BEEN SEEN IN ISRAEL." NEVER KNOWN OR SEEN BEFORE. UNPRECEDENTED. THIS IS WHO THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. THE LONG AWAITED MIRACLE WORKER, MESSIAH, LORD WHO WOULD BE THEIR SAVIOR. THERE IS NOTHING NOR ANYONE LIKE JESUS. THE LORD OF LORDS, KING OF KINGS THAT DESIRES RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS PEOPLE. UNPRECEDENTED!

DIG MORE:

LUKE 5:26, PSALM 40:5, MATTHEW 12:23, MARK 1:27

DAY 12:

*Healed an Invalid Man at  
Bethesda*

READ:

JOHN 5:1-16

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS HOPE.*

AT THE POOL OF BETHESDA MANY PEOPLE GATHERED JUST HOPING TO BE THE FIRST IN THE WATER SO THAT THEY COULD BE HEALED. THE LAME MAN IN THIS STORY HAD BEEN HOPING FOR 38 YEARS! WHEN JESUS SAW HIM, THE BIBLE SAYS THAT HE KNEW THE MAN HAD BEEN IN THAT CONDITION FOR A LONG TIME. JESUS KNOWS. HE KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR LIVES. HE KNOWS THE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCE WE ARE WALKING THROUGH THAT IS CAUSING OUR HOPE TO WANE. BUT HE KNOWS. BECAUSE HE KNOWS, OUR HOPE SHOULD INCREASE. HIS TIMING IS PERFECT- ALWAYS. SET YOUR HOPE ON JESUS AND HE WILL SUSTAIN YOU IN HIS PERFECT TIMING.

DIG MORE:

COLOSSIANS 1:27, HEBREWS 10:23, ISAIAH 40:31, 1 PETER 1:13, JEREMIAH 29:11, PHILIPPIANS 1:6, ROMANS 15:13

DAY 13:

## *Restored a Withered Hand*

READ:

MATTHEW 12:10-13, MARK 3:1-6, LUKE 6:6-11

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS BOLD.*

AS JESUS' MINISTRY IS INCREASING, SO IS THE OPPOSITION AGAINST HIM. THE PHARISEES (THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF THE DAY) DON'T LIKE WHAT JESUS IS DOING AND REFUSE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHO HE IS. AT THIS POINT, THEY ARE TRYING TO CATCH HIM DOING SOMETHING WRONG SO THEY CAN ACCUSE HIM. JESUS KNOWS THE PHARISEES ARE WATCHING HIM. HE SEES A MAN WITH A WITHERED HAND ON THE SABBATH (A DAY FOR NO WORKING) AND HEALS HIM. TALK ABOUT BOLD! NOT ONLY DOES HE HEAL THE MAN, BUT WHEN THE PHARISEES QUESTION JESUS, HE BOLDLY REMINDS THEM THAT SAVING A LIFE, EVEN ON THE SABBATH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE RELIGIOUS LAWS THEY CLING SO TIGHTLY TO. THE SAVIOR WE SERVE IS BOLD. ARE WE BOLD IN RETURN FOR HIM? DO WE TELL OTHERS ABOUT THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE?

DIG MORE:

2 CORINTHIANS 3:12, ACTS 14:3 (PAUL & BARNABAS SPEAKING BOLDLY FOR THE LORD), ACTS 28:31, PROVERBS 28:1, EPHESIANS 6:19-20

DAY 14:

## *Cured a Demon-Possessed Man*

READ:

MATTHEW 12:22-24

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS PROPHESED.*

JESUS' MINISTRY IS GROWING AND PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO WONDER WHO HE IS. JESUS HEALS A MAN HERE AND THEN THE PEOPLE ASK IF HE COULD BE THE SON OF DAVID? YES! THEY ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK, JESUS IS THE ONE WHO WAS PROPHESED AND FULFILLED THAT PROPHECY BY COMING THROUGH THE LINE OF DAVID. THEY NEED ONLY TO BELIEVE WHAT THEY ARE SEEING. THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING 400 YEARS FOR THE PROMISED MESSIAH! JESUS FULFILLED 300 PROPHECIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT. 300! THE LIKELIHOOD OF THAT HAPPENING, OF ONE MAN FULFILLING EVEN JUST EIGHT PROPHECIES IS LIKE 1 IN 10 TO THE 17TH POWER! THIS IS AMAZING. HE TRULY IS THE SON OF GOD, PROPHESED ABOUT FROM THE BEGINNING.

DIG MORE:

MICAH 5:2, ISAIAH 7, ISAIAH 53, PSALM 22:16

DAY 15:

*Fed 5,000*

READ:

MATTHEW 14:15-21, MARK 6:33-44, LUKE 9:12-17, JOHN 6:5-14

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

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HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS ENOUGH.*

THERE WERE MEAGER SUPPLIES FOR THIS MEAL AND WHEN JESUS EXPRESSED WHAT HE WANTED TO DO WITH THESE SUPPLIES, THE DISCIPLES QUESTIONED HIM: WOULD THERE BE ENOUGH? NOT ONLY WAS THERE ENOUGH, THERE WERE 12 BASKETS LEFTOVER! WAY MORE THAN ENOUGH! IN MOMENTS WHERE WE AREN'T SURE WHAT TO DO OR WHERE PROVISION IS GOING TO COME FROM, JESUS REMINDS US THAT HE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH.

DIG MORE:

2 PETER 1:3, 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9, JEREMIAH 29:11,  
EPHESIANS 3:20



DAY 16:

## *Walked on Water*

READ:

MATTHEW 14:22-33, MARK 6:45-52, JOHN 6:15-21

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS SAVIOR.*

IN THE ACCOUNT OF THIS STORY IN MATTHEW, IT SAYS JESUS IMMEDIATELY REACHED OUT TO PETER IN THE WATER. IN MARK, JESUS IMMEDIATELY SPOKE TO THE DISCIPLES. JESUS IS OUR SAVIOR. HE IMMEDIATELY SAVES US; AS SOON AS WE ACCEPT HIM, OUR SIN IS GONE! NOW WALK IN HONOR OF OUR SAVIOR AND IN THANKFULNESS FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.

DIG MORE:

MATTHEW 1:21, ACTS 4:12, JOHN 4:42, 1 JOHN 4:14



DAY 17:

## *Cured a Deaf & Mute Man*

READ:

MARK 7:31-37

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS PERSONAL.*

THIS MAN WAS BROUGHT TO JESUS AND PEOPLE IMPLORED THE MIRACLE WORKER TO HELP HIM. JESUS STOPPED WHAT HE WAS DOING, TOOK HIM ASIDE FROM THE CROWD BY HIMSELF, AND THEN HEALED HIM. WITH SIMPLE ACTIONS, ONE WORD, AND ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, THE MAN WAS HEALED. JESUS DESIRES FOR EACH ONE OF US TO KNOW HIM ON A PERSONAL LEVEL, TO SPEND ONE ON ONE TIME WITH HIM, GROWING IN OUR RELATIONSHIP DAILY. THROUGH THIS TIME, HE GROWS US AND HEALS US IN SO MANY WAYS!

DIG MORE:

JOHN 17:3, PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9, JOHN 10:14-15

DAY 18:

*Opened the Eyes of a  
Man Born Blind*

READ:

JOHN 9:1-38

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS LIGHT.*

AS JESUS WAS PASSING BY, HE STOPPED AND HAD COMPASSION ON THE BLIND MAN. HE STOPPED NOT ONLY TO SHOW COMPASSION, BUT SO EVERYONE COULD SEE THAT THE MAN WAS BORN BLIND SO GOD'S WORKS MIGHT BE DISPLAYED THROUGH HIM. JESUS CALLS HIMSELF HERE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. AFTER BEING HEALED, THE MAN CAME BACK TO THE LIGHT. THE PEOPLE AROUND WERE DRAWN TO THE LIGHT BECAUSE OF WHAT HAD BEEN DONE IN HIS LIFE. WHEN WE ARE IN A COMPLETELY DARK ROOM AND SEE A CRACK OF LIGHT, WE ARE DRAWN TO IT. IN THE SAME WAY, WITH THE DARKNESS OF THE WORLD AROUND US, PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO THE LIGHT AND HOPE OF JESUS. LET'S TELL EVERYONE WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US SO THEY ARE DRAWN TO THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

DIG MORE:

JOHN 8:12, JOHN 12:46, JOHN 3:19-21, 1 JOHN 1:5, JOHN 1:9,

DAY 19:

*Cured a Woman Crippled  
for 18 Years*

READ:

LUKE 13:10-17

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS FREEDOM.*

THIS WOMAN HAD A SICKNESS THAT WAS CAUSED BY A SPIRIT, EVIL, OR SIN SHE ALLOWED INTO HER LIFE. WHEN JESUS CAME UPON HER, HE SAID, "WOMAN YOU ARE FREED". WHEN WE BRING OUR SIN TO GOD, HE FREES US FROM THAT SIN RIGHT THEN AND THERE. THEN WE GET TO CHOOSE TO WALK IN THAT FREEDOM JUST AS THE WOMAN STOOD UP, WALKED IN HER NEWFOUND FREEDOM, AND GLORIFIED GOD.

DIG MORE:

GALATIANS 5:1, JOHN 8:36, 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17, ACTS 13:38-39, ROMANS 6:22, ROMANS 8:1-4, LUKE 4:18

DAY 20:

## *Cleansed Ten Lepers*

READ:

LUKE 17:11-19

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?


WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS HEALER.*

TEN LEPROUS MEN MET JESUS, ASKING FOR MERCY. ALL WERE CLEANSED AND ONLY ONE RETURNED TO PRAISE HIM AND GIVE HIM GLORY. THIS STORY IS AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF JESUS' HEALING POWER. HE HEALED TEN MEN FROM A TERRIBLE DISEASE WITH WHAT SEEMS TO BE JUST A THOUGHT AS THEY WERE FOLLOWING HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO GO SEE THE PRIEST. JESUS CAN BRING HEALING IN MANY WAYS- SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY, PHYSICALLY. SPIRITUALLY, HE HAS HEALED US BY SAVING US FROM OUR SINS AND RESCUING US FROM SPIRITUAL DEATH! EMOTIONALLY, HE IS ALWAYS THERE FOR US, BEING OUR SUPPORT AND COMFORT. PHYSICALLY, HE CAN HEAL IN MANY WAYS, BUT SOMETIMES THAT HEALING ISN'T ALWAYS WHAT WE THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE- SOMETIMES IT'S AN ULTIMATE HEALING OF SOMEONE GOING TO HEAVEN. REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF HEALING, ARE WE LIKE THE ONE LEPER IN OUR RESPONSE, OR LIKE THE TEN? DO WE IMMEDIATELY TURN TO PRAISE HIM OR CARRY ON IN OUR OWN WAY? LET'S PRAISE THE HEALER, THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY OF MORE PRAISE THAN WE COULD EVER GIVE.



DIG MORE:

ISAIAH 53:4-5, 1 PETER 2:24, PSALM 147:3, MATTHEW 11:28-30, JAMES 5:6, REVELATION 21:4,



DAY 21:

# *Raised Lazarus from the Dead*

READ:

JOHN 11:1-46

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS VICTORY OVER DEATH*

LAZARUS WAS ONE OF JESUS' GOOD FRIENDS. THE SISTERS OF LAZARUS WHO SENT THE MESSAGE IN THIS STORY TOLD JESUS "HE WHOM YOU LOVE IS SICK." WHEN JESUS FINDS THIS OUT, HE SAYS THAT, "THIS SICKNESS IS NOT TO END IN DEATH, BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, SO THAT THE SON OF GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED BY IT." INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH THOUGH, THE VERY NEXT VERSE SAYS THAT WHEN JESUS HEARD LAZARUS WAS SICK, HE THEN STAYED TWO DAYS LONGER WHERE HE WAS! HOW INTERESTING- SOMEONE YOU LOVE IS SERIOUSLY SICK AND YOU STAY LONGER WHERE YOU ARE? WHY WOULD JESUS DO THAT? JESUS ALWAYS HAS A PLAN AND ALWAYS KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING. IN THIS SITUATION, JESUS WANTED TO SHOW EVERYONE THAT HE IS THE VICTORY OVER DEATH. BY THE TIME JESUS ARRIVED AT LAZARUS' HOUSE, LAZARUS HAD BEEN DEAD FOR FOUR DAYS. THAT'S A LONG TIME FOR SOMEONE TO BE DEAD, BUT JESUS STILL HAS VICTORY OVER DEATH. JESUS SAYS TO MARTHA IN VERSES 25 AND 26, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME WILL LIVE EVEN IF HE DIES, AND EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER DIE." JESUS NEEDED TO SHOW EVERYONE AND FORESHADOW FOR EVERYONE THAT HE WILL DEFEAT DEATH, THE RESULT OF SIN (ROMANS 6:23), ONCE AND FOR ALL FOR EVERYONE WHO CHOOSES TO BELIEVE IN HIM AND GIVE ETERNAL LIFE. PRAISE GOD THAT JESUS WAS WILLING TO GIVE HIS LIFE TO DEFEAT SIN AND DEATH AND GIVE US ETERNAL LIFE! TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK JESUS FOR HIS VICTORY OVER DEATH!

DIG MORE:

HEBREWS 2:14, 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-11, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:55-57,  
ROMANS 6:23, ROMANS 6:9

DAY 22:

## *Caused a Fig Tree to Wither*

READ:

MATTHEW 21:18-22, MARK 11:12-14

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?  
WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?  
WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?  
WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?  
HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS TEACHER.*

JESUS' DISCIPLES WERE ALWAYS WITH HIM DURING HIS MINISTRY. THEY LEARNED SO MUCH FROM HIM! JUST IMAGINE WALKING, TRAVELING, EATING, TALKING WITH THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD! JESUS CHOSE TO USE EVEN THE MOST MUNDANE THING AS A TEACHING OPPORTUNITY. IN THIS SITUATION, JESUS WAS HUNGRY AND WANTED SOMETHING TO EAT, HOWEVER THE FIG TREE THEY SAW HAD NO FRUIT ON IT. SO HE CAUSED THE TREE TO WITHER AS IT WASN'T PROVIDING FRUIT. THE DISCIPLES WONDERED WHY HE DID THAT AND HE USED IT AS A TEACHABLE MOMENT TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEY JUST NEED TO HAVE FAITH, NOT DOUBT, AND ANYTHING CAN BE DONE. THERE IS SO MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM JESUS. FROM EACH WORD THAT HE SAID, WE CAN LEARN SOMETHING NEW TO APPLY TO OUR LIVES. WHY WOULD WE NOT SPEND MORE TIME IN THE BOOK THAT TELLS US ALL ABOUT HIM? CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO GET INTO HIS WORD DAILY AND SEE WHAT HE WILL TEACH YOU.

DIG MORE:

MARK 6:34, LUKE 5:3, JOHN 8:2, JOHN 7:16, 2 JOHN 1:9

DAY 23:

# Restored Ear of the High Priest's Servant

READ:

LUKE 22:50-51, MATTHEW 26:51-54, MARK 14:47-49, JOHN 18:10-11

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS SUBMISSION.*

WE ARE AT THE POINT IN JESUS' STORY WHERE THE PHARISEES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCUSE HIM OF ENOUGH FALSE CHARGES THAT THEY CAN ARREST HIM AND TAKE HIM TO THE HIGH PRIEST FOR TRIAL. JESUS KNOWS WHAT IS TO COME- HIS EVENTUAL DEATH BY CRUCIFIXION AND HAS LABORED IN PRAYER PRIOR TO THIS, ASKING THAT THE FATHER'S WILL BE DONE. IMAGINE HOW HARD THAT WOULD BE - TO KNOW THAT DEATH AND PAIN IS COMING. SOMETHING THAT YOU DESIRE TO DO TO OFFER SALVATION TO ALL MANKIND AND DEFEAT SIN AND DEATH, BUT THAT WILL BE TERRIBLY DIFFICULT. WHEN THEY COME TO ARREST HIM, OF COURSE HIS DISCIPLES DESIRE TO PROTECT HIM AND IN THE PROCESS A SLAVE OF THE HIGH PRIEST'S EAR IS CUT OFF. HE IMMEDIATELY HEALS IT AND REMINDS THE DISCIPLES THAT HE IS SUBMITTING TO THE FATHER'S WILL. "IT MUST HAPPEN THIS WAY TO FULFILL SCRIPTURE. (MATTHEW)" "THE CUP WHICH THE FATHER HAS GIVEN ME, SHALL I NOT DRINK IT? (JOHN)" HE COULD HAVE HAD LEGIONS OF ANGELS ON HIS SIDE IN MINUTES, BUT HE CHOSE TO SUBMIT TO THE FATHER'S WILL SO THAT ALL OF US WOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ETERNAL LIFE AND FREEDOM FROM SIN.

DIG MORE:

JOHN 6:38, PHILIPPIANS 2:5-9, JOHN 10:17-18



DAY 24:

*Rose from the Dead &  
Appeared to Many*

READ:

LUKE 24:5-6, MARK 16, MATTHEW 28, JOHN 20,  
1 CORINTHIANS 15

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?  
WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?  
WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?  
WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?  
HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS SALVATION.*

THE RESURRECTION IS THE MOMENT THAT SETS CHRISTIANITY APART FROM ALL OTHER RELIGIONS. IF JESUS HAD REMAINED DEAD, HE WOULD'VE BEEN QUICKLY FORGOTTEN, BUT HE DIDN'T. WHEN THE WOMEN APPROACHED THE TOMB, THEY FOUND THE STONE ROLLED AWAY AND THE TOMB EMPTY. THIS CHANGED EVERYTHING! THE WOMEN IMMEDIATELY TOLD PEOPLE WHO TOLD PEOPLE AND TODAY PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING TOLD THAT "JESUS IS NOT HERE!" FOR HE HAS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE! THE RESURRECTION IS THE EVENT THAT PROVES THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN, OUR SALVATION. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT JESUS LIVED? BECAUSE EVIDENCE IS CLEAR THAT HE DIED. HOW DO WE KNOW THAT HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD? BECAUSE THERE IS CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT APPEARED TO AS MANY AS 500 PEOPLE. WHO CAN YOU TELL ABOUT THE RESURRECTION AND SHARE THAT JESUS IS OUR SALVATION WITH?

DIG MORE:

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

DAY 25:

## *Ascension*

READ:

LUKE 24, MATTHEW 28, MARK 16

QUESTIONS:

WHAT DID JESUS DO?

WHO IS JESUS TEACHING BY DOING THIS?

WHERE DOES THIS HAPPEN?

WHY WAS WHAT JESUS DID/TAUGHT IMPORTANT?

HOW DOES THIS SHOW THAT JESUS IS UNIQUE?

MESSIAH MOMENT:

*JESUS IS ALIVE.*

THIS STORY BRINGS TO A CLOSE JESUS' EARTHLY MINISTRY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME INSTRUCTING HIS FOLLOWERS TO THEIR PURPOSE GOING FORWARD. WHILE SOME OF THE DISCIPLES HAD INITIALLY DOUBTED HIS RESURRECTION, THIS MOMENT SOLIDIFIED THE REALITY THAT HE WAS RISEN INDEED. JESUS HAD APPEARED TO INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS THROUGHOUT THESE CHAPTERS WHICH WAS TRULY A TRANSFORMATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR THEM AS OUTLINED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 15. THE DISCIPLES AND ALL OF JESUS' FOLLOWERS COULD NOT BE SILENT. JESUS, THE TRUE SON OF GOD, HAD RISEN FROM THE DEAD, DEFEATED DEATH AND SATAN, AND WAS ALIVE. IT ALSO MADE POSSIBLE THE REALITY THAT EACH OF US WOULD HAVE THE POSSIBILITY OF ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH HIM. REJOICE!

NOW, HE CALLS HIS BELIEVERS TO GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES. THIS IS OUR PURPOSE. HE IS ALIVE! GO TELL EVERYONE. AND MAKE SURE THAT EACH AND EVERY PERSON WE COME IN CONTACT WITH HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW THE KING OF KINGS.

DIG MORE:

1 CORINTHIANS 15; JOHN 11:26-26; MARK 16:6, 1 PETER 1:3



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