

God and Man Through the Bible – Session 16

Jesus' Miracles and Parables Part 1 & 2

Introduction

As we saw in the previous two lessons, Jesus often took time to speak about spiritual matters with individuals. In this lesson we learn that He also performed a great many miracles and taught spiritual truths through parables.

Key Verse: Read: [John 20:31](#)

One of the ways in which Jesus' deity is shown in the gospels is through the signs and miracles that Jesus did during His ministry. The purpose of His miracles can be summed up in this verse: "but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name."

Two Miracles: Jesus Walks on Water after Feeding 5,000 People

Read: Matthew [14:13-32](#) Jesus

1. Describe the area where Jesus went next. (verses 13-15)
2. What problem did the disciples notice and what did Jesus suggest they do about it?
3. What did Jesus suggest they do about the problem?
4. How much food did the disciples find among the crowds?
5. What did Jesus do with the food?
6. After Jesus gave thanks, was there enough food? How many people were there? (verse 20-21)
7. How do you think this was possible?
8. What are your first impressions after reading about this miracle?
9. What did Jesus do after He sent the disciples across the lake? Why do you think He did this?
10. What problem did the disciples face on the lake? What time was it? Who came walking across the water? Do you think it is possible for a man to do this? Who did the disciples think it was?
11. What did Jesus do to calm their fears? What was Peter's response? What happened when he saw the wind and waves? What did he cry out and what did Jesus do?
12. Would you have got out of the boat like Peter? What lessons do you think that Peter and the disciples learned from this story? What did Peter learn that the other disciples did not?
13. Read [Job 9:4-8](#). Do you think there is a relationship between verse 8 and Jesus' act of walking on water?
14. Some think that the story illustrates the strong challenges we face in life and how we should respond. Do you agree? What types of challenges might make you cry out to Jesus?

True or False

- a. Jesus was teaching outside a large city.
- b. Jesus miraculously fed the 12 disciples.
- c. Jesus involved the disciples in carrying out His miracle.
- d. Jesus was a ghost when He was walking on the water

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Three Parables

Read: [Luke 18:9-14](#) **The Pharisee & the Tax Collector**

15. Describe the two men who went into the temple to pray? What were their occupations? What were their personalities like?
16. Who did Jesus say would go home justified? What does justified mean?
17. What do you believe is the important lesson Jesus is teaching in this parable?

Read: [Matthew 7:24-27](#) **Foundations on Rock or Sand**

18. What does a wise man do according to Jesus? What does a foolish man do?
19. What do you believe is the important lesson that Jesus is teaching in this parable?
20. How do you think you are building your life?

Read: [Matthew 25:1-13](#) **The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

21. Jesus describes five foolish and five wise bridesmaids. What was the difference between the two groups?
22. Who came while the five unwise were not ready? Who do you think the bridegroom represents in the story? What does the bridegroom say to them when they try to get into the marriage feast?
23. In verse 13, what instruction does Jesus give to those who are listening?
24. If Jesus came today, which set of 5 virgins do you think you would be in?

True or False

- a. The Tax collector was humbler than the Pharisee
- b. The Pharisee was religious, so he was justified.
- c. If we are wise, we will build our lives on the sand.
- d. All ten of the bridesmaids were welcomed to the marriage feast.

For Further Discussion:

1. Miracles are impossible. Do you agree or disagree?
2. How might our lives be different if we believed that God could do miracles?
3. Jesus should not have taught in parables because it was too confusing. Do you agree or disagree.