

Jesus' Miracles



The Beginning of His Ministry

- Jesus travels all over Judaea preaching, healing, and performing miracles.

In 25 A.D.

- The very first miracle Jesus performed was turning the water into wine, at the wedding feast in Cana.
- I believe that all of Jesus' miracles he performed were to present a different character trait of God, and leave us in awe of how great our God is.
- The conversion of water into wine, shows God's Providence through Jesus changing the substances.



27 A.D.

- The crippled man at the pool of Bethesda was healed.
- For most of his life the crippled man watched others go to the pool of Bethesda, but was never put into the pool himself.
- So Jesus, provided a healing miracle, asked the cripple if he wanted to be healed, and he said no one has ever offered to help him. Jesus did this with kindness and to demonstrate to the crippled man that God can heal all that he has created.

Jesus first miracle: turning water into wine at a wedding festival

3:16 - Jesus taught Nicodemus that he must be born again

Jesus travels, preaches, heals, and baptizes all around the country



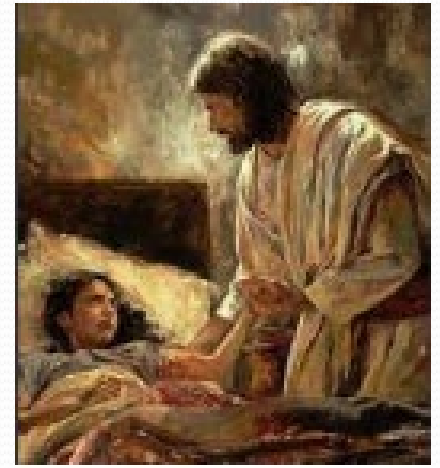
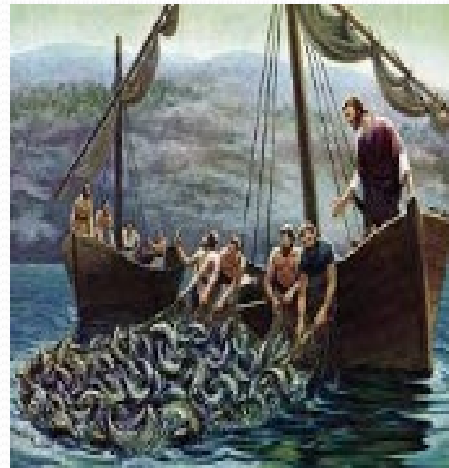
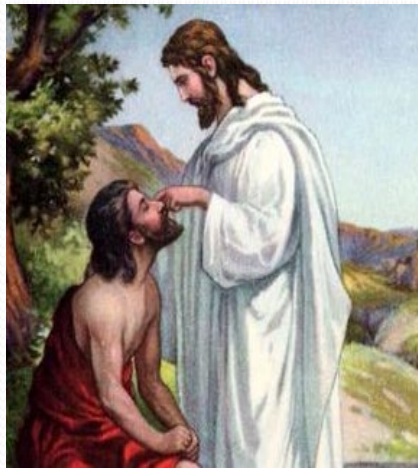
26 A.D.

- Jesus taught Nicodemus the Pharisee, the concept of "being born again, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.
- Even though Nicodemus couldn't understand this at first, Jesus gave an example that only through new life- or being "born again"- with Jesus we can have life everlasting in Heaven.



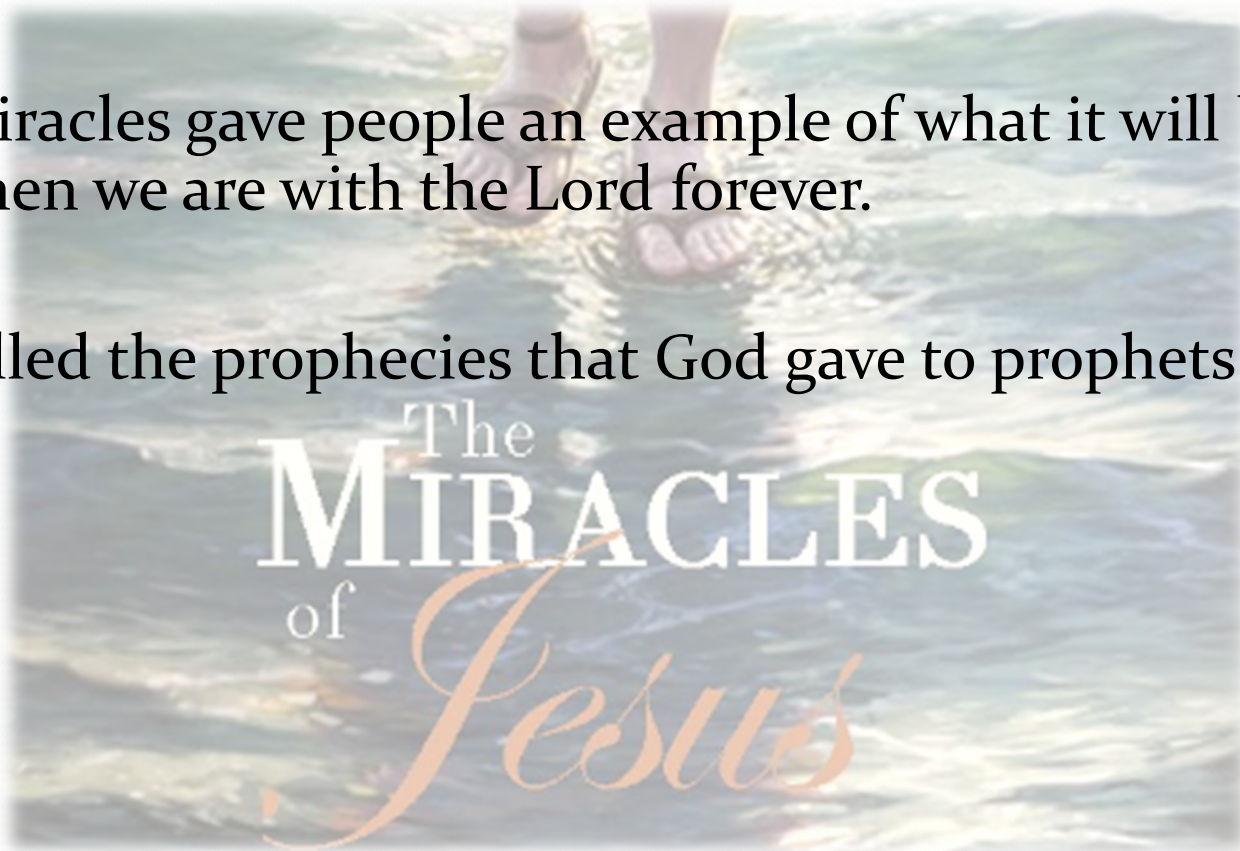
Some of His first miracles

- Jesus heals a nobleman's son – John 2: 1-11
- He drives out evil spirits – Mark 1: 21-27
- Jesus heals Peters' mother-in-law – Matthew 8: 14-15
- First miraculous catch of fish – Luke 5: 1-11
- He heals two blind men – Matthew 9:27-31
- Jesus heals a man who cannot speak – Matthew 9:32-34



Why perform miracles?

- Why do you think Jesus performed miracles for people?
 - People do not always believe what they cannot see.....
 - The miracles gave people an example of what it will be like one day when we are with the Lord forever.
 - It fulfilled the prophecies that God gave to prophets like Isaiah.



Jesus returns to Nazareth



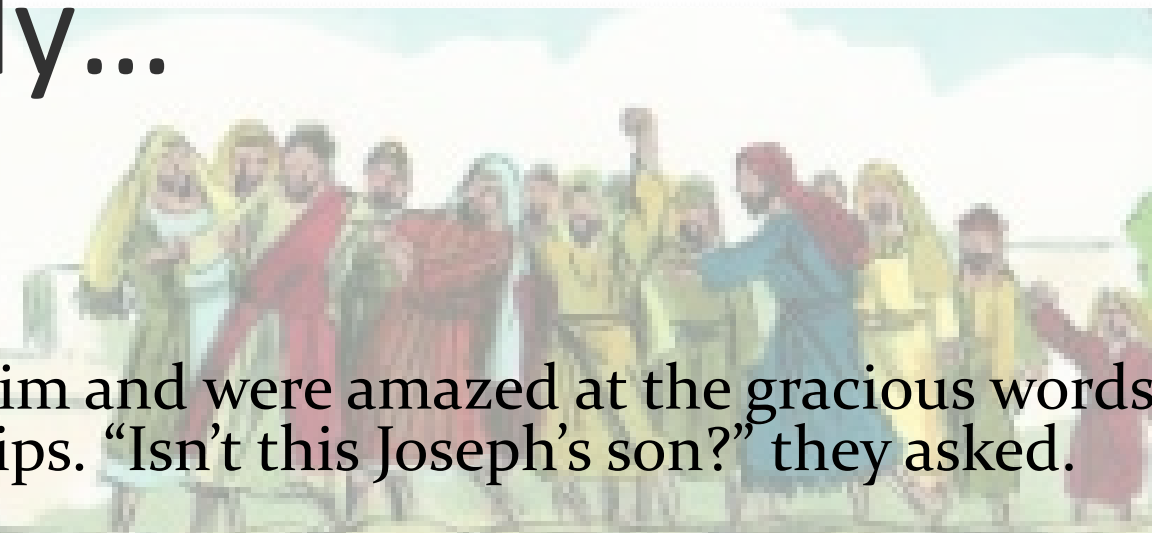
Jesus is rejected in his home town of Nazareth. What??

In Matthew 12:46-50 Jesus's family came to see him, but Jesus declares the ones who follow the will of the Father are his brothers and sisters. After the parables of the kingdom (Matt 13), Jesus's hometown (and extended family) rejects him (13:53-58). This story concludes a frame around the parables of the Kingdom.

Luke 4: 16-21

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Jesus rejected by home town, and family...

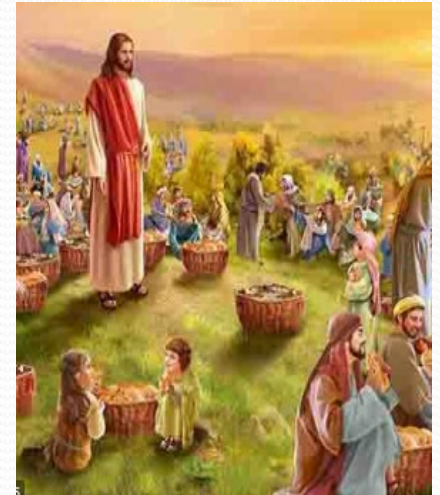
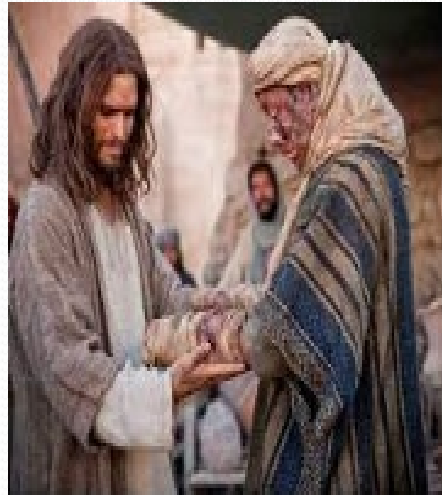


Luke 4: 22, 24, 28-30

- ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.
- ²⁴ “Truly I tell you,” he continued, “no prophet is accepted in his hometown.
- ²⁸ All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

How did Jesus Respond?

- Jesus feeds 5000 people with two fish and two loafs - Matthew 14: 13-21
- He walks on water - Matthew 14: 22-33
- Jesus heals many people as they touch His clothes – Mark 6: 53-56
- Jesus heals a woman crippled for 18 years – Luke 13: 10-17
- He cleanses ten lepers (a skin disease) Luke 17: 11-19
- Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead – John 11: 1-45



Wrapping up

- We know that later on Jesus' family believed he was the son of God. James – his brother, wrote the book of James in the Bible.
- Is there anything stopping you from truly believing in the miracle of life that Jesus promises?
- Do you sometimes look at movies and video games as being more miraculous than your own life and the amazing world around you?
- We all sometimes doubt, we all sometimes think movies or games are so cool, and forget about how amazing and miraculous are the things around us that God created. One way we can honor God is to stop and remember how amazing God is when we start to think that these things are cooler than what God has done.