



# Three Years That Changed the World

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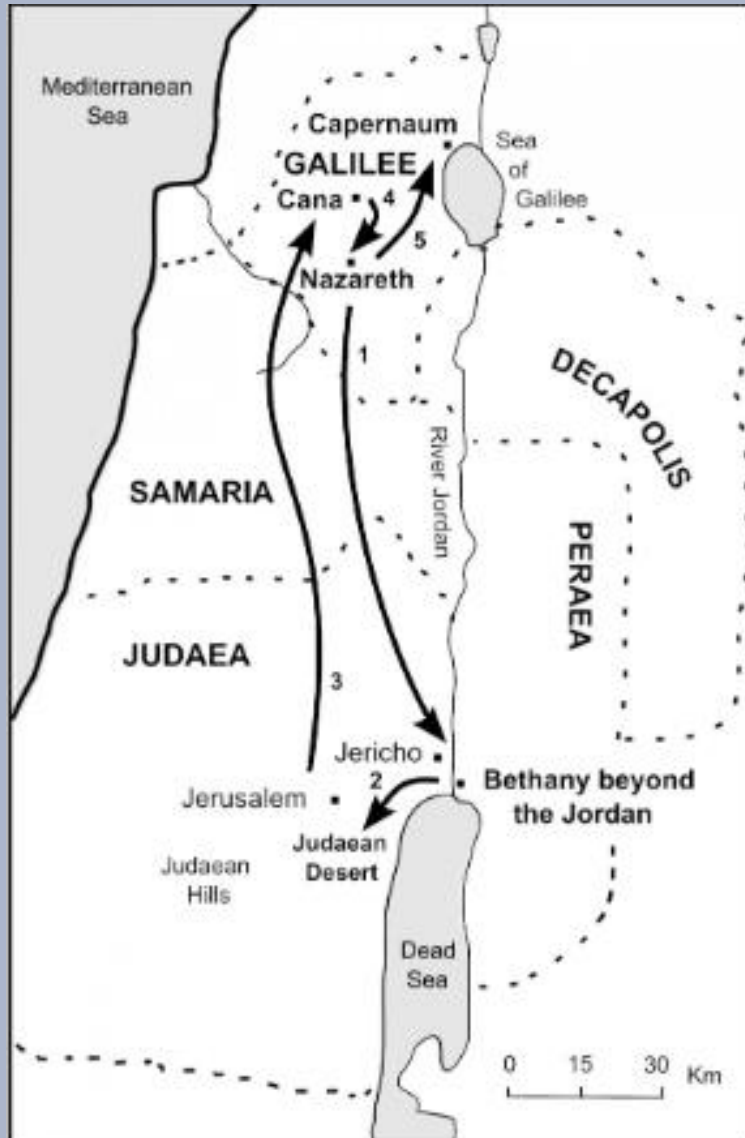
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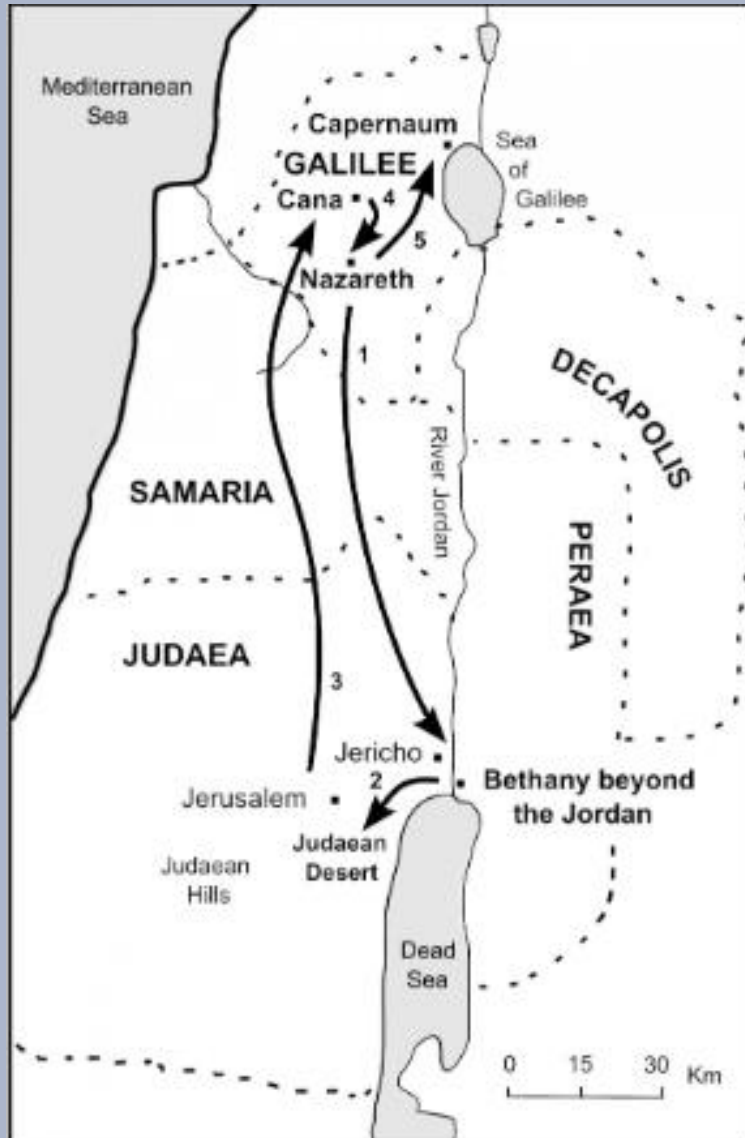
## Introductory Remarks:



- ✓ Sometime after the calling of Philip and Nathanael; Mary, Jesus, and his disciples will head towards the region of Galilee (more specifically Cana)
- ✓ They will be invited to a wedding in Cana, and this will be the scene of the very first “public” miracle by Jesus

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- ✓ The specific location of Cana is not known but is believed to be approximately 9 miles north of Nazareth
- ✓ The travel time of 3 days from the region of Jericho to Cana of Galilee would not have been a problem for Jesus and his travelling companions.

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## Understanding the Event

- ✓ We don't know why Mary; Jesus and the other disciples were attending the wedding, but the assumption is made that they were family or close friends of the wedding party given they had received an invitation.
- ✓ It is interesting that Joseph (Mary's husband) is not mentioned, and the assumption is that he was no longer alive
- ✓ **The presence of Jesus at the wedding and that he chose to perform his first miracle there seems to indicate the value and sanctification of the marriage ceremony and the celebration of such a sacred event.**

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## Understanding the Situation

### ✓ They ran out of wine

- Wine would have been a common beverage of choice for that region
  - We aren't told why they ran out – just that the supply was insufficient to accommodate all the guests
  - It was probably an embarrassing moment for the groom and his family
- ✓ Mary was probably involved with the celebration in some way and although we aren't told what her expectations of Jesus were – it seems her heart was in the right place. Not knowing what to do she gives it over to her son (The Incarnate Word – God in human flesh) **whose business is miracles.**

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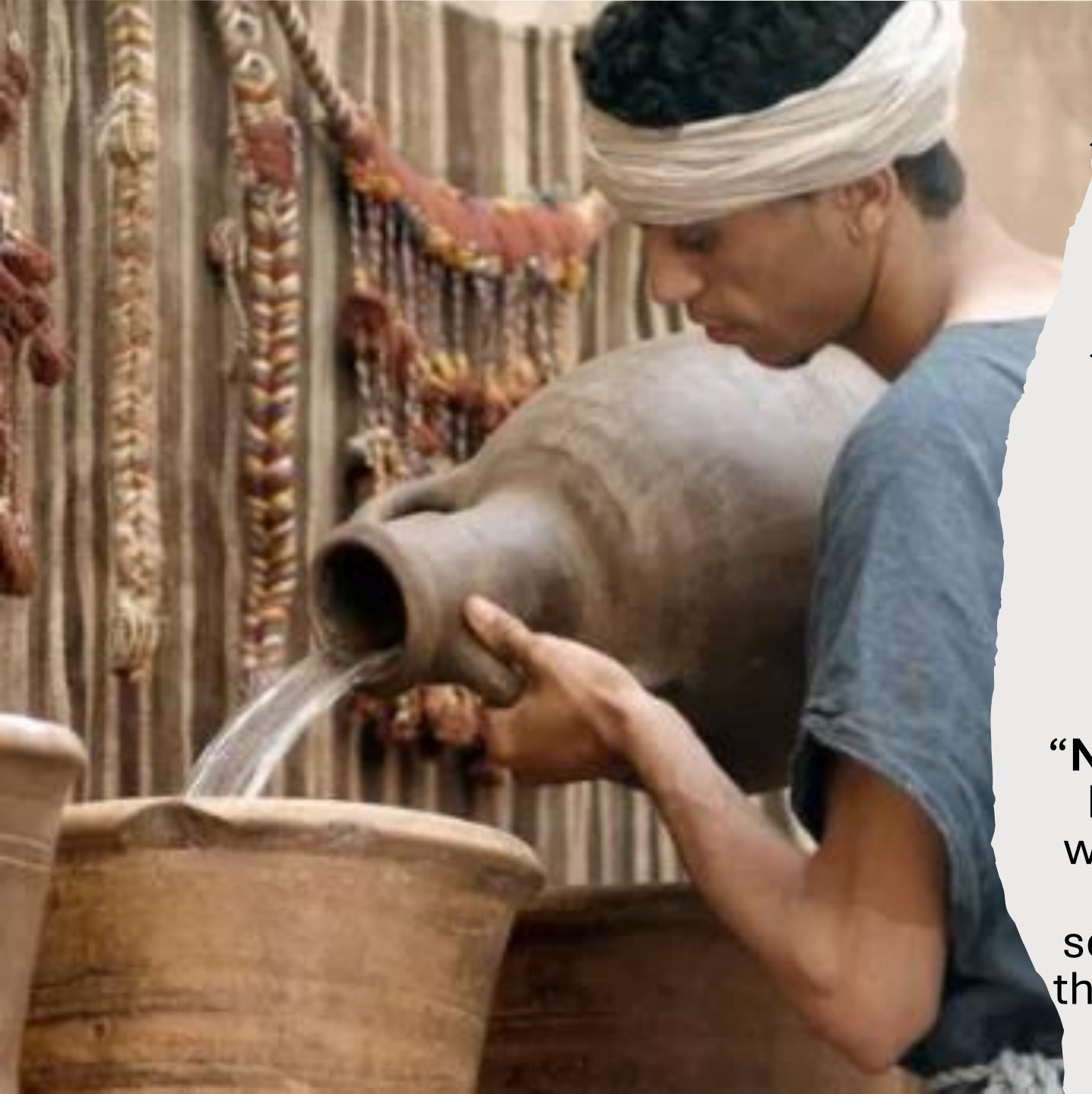
- ✓ We have no record of Jesus performing a miracle prior to this but Mary could testify more than anyone else as to the life of Jesus for she..... ***“treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man”*** (Luke 2:51-52)
- ✓ Perhaps (and we aren't told) she was asking Jesus to reveal himself as **the Messiah that she knew him to be** for Mary no doubt knew who Jesus was.
- ✓ Jesus knew that type of **“reveal”** was for a later time, but a miracle was still in order and that is precisely what Jesus will do as **he turns water into wine**

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## Understanding the Miracle

**“Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water”; so, they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.” They did so, and **the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine**. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.” **What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him**. After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.” (John 2:6-12)**





## Understanding the Miracle

- ✓ These pots were not “earthenware” like pottery/clay which could allow impurities to seep into the water.
- ✓ But instead, they were stone water jars/pots (probably hand carved out of soft limestone) used for the Jewish custom/ritual of purification. The intent was for the water jar to be pure allowing the water to be pure.

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- ✓ The master of the banquet (headwaiter) may not have even been aware of the miracle performed by Jesus (the turning of the water into wine) but the ones who brought the wine to him were aware.
- ✓ The headwaiter was astonished and boasted as to the quality of the wine
- ✓ The normal process of fermentation was bypassed, and the miracle was that Jesus (The one responsible for all of creation) **made something extraordinary (the choicest wine) from something ordinary (water).**

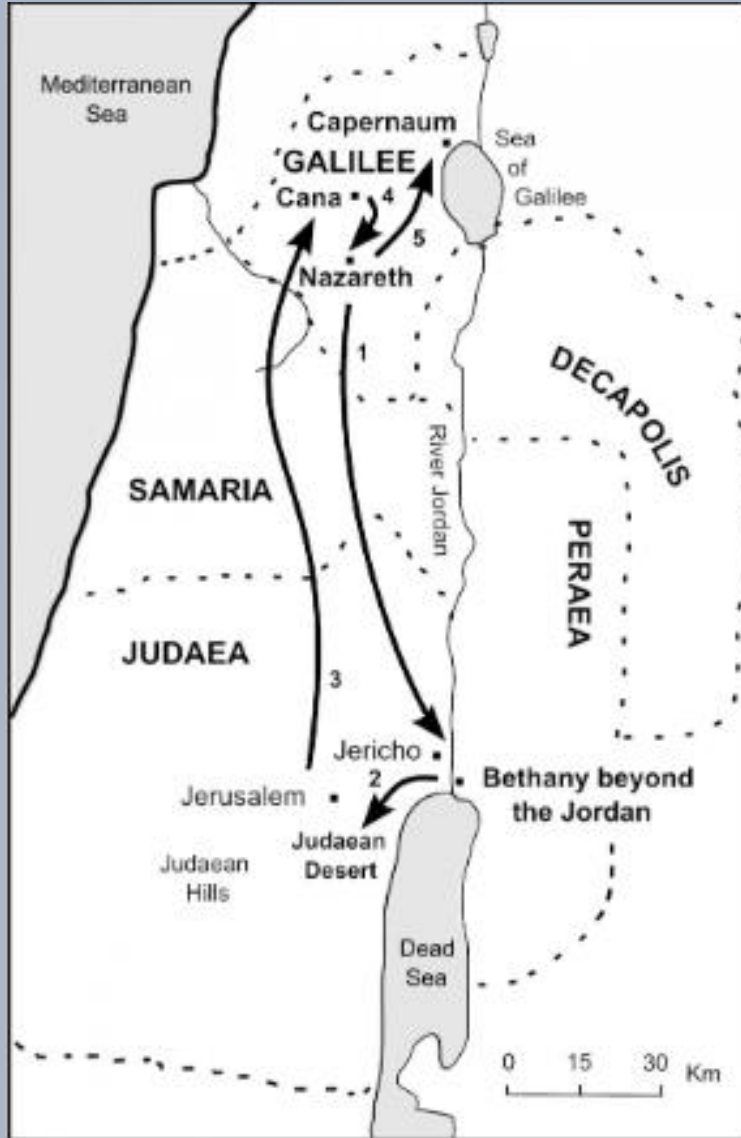
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## Understanding the Miracle

- ✓ Jesus put his deity on display – we are told that “**he revealed his glory**”
- ✓ After witnessing this miracle (turning the water into wine), we are told that the disciples believed in Him but there is no record from John or the other Gospel writers that this miracle caused the other servants at the celebration/ceremony to believe in Jesus
- ✓ The disciples saw firsthand (by witnessing this miracle) that Jesus was the Messiah, and the others would either come to faith later or never believe.

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## Jesus visits Capernaum



- ✓ This would have been on the northwest shore of the sea of Galilee
- ✓ It says that “he went down” which indicates it was a decline in elevation (toward the sea)
- ✓ This might have marked a slight pause in the ministry of Jesus (perhaps a time of rest) and would become his home base for a season

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## Healing an official's (nobleman) son

- ✓ This might have been one of Herod the Great's officials although we don't know for sure. We are not told how the nobleman became aware of Jesus and his authority/ability to heal but he believed Jesus and his son was healed and resulted in his entire family believing in Jesus
- ✓ This was the second miracle performed by Jesus

“Once more **he visited Cana in Galilee**, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was **a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum**. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death. “Unless you people see signs and wonders,” Jesus told him, “you will never believe.” The royal official said, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” **“Go,” Jesus replied, “your son will live.” The man took Jesus at his word and departed.** While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, “Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him.” Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, “Your son will live.” **So, he and his whole household believed.** This was **the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.**” (John 4:46-54)

## Healing of the man at the Pool of Bethesda

- ✓ This was the eighth miracle performed by Jesus and the **third miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ Note that the man had been severely disabled for 38 years
- ✓ Jesus asked him if he wanted to “get well” (be healed) and he healed the man – not because he asked him to but because Jesus chose to

“**Some time later**, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for one of the Jewish festivals. Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. **One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”** Sir,” the invalid replied, “I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me.” **Then Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked”** (John 5:1-8)

## Feeding of the 5000

- ✓ This was the nineteenth miracle performed by Jesus and the **fourth miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ In the same way that the miracle of turning water into wine (taking something ordinary and making it extraordinary), Jesus takes something insignificant (two loaves and five fish) and makes it significant (feeds 5000+).

“Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with **five small barley loaves and two small fish**, but how far will they go among so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (**about five thousand men were there**). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” So, they gathered them and **filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten**. After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world” (John 6:8-14)

## Jesus Walks on Water

- ✓ This was the twentieth miracle performed by Jesus and the **fifth miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ The Sea of Galilee is known for its very sudden and severe storms. The disciples found themselves struggling to advance the boat. (Mark 6:48)
- ✓ Jesus intervenes in their time of trouble and brings them all to safety. He comforts them with the words “It is I” (I AM) – “don’t be afraid”.

“When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where **they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum**. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. When they had rowed about three or four miles, **they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water**; and they were frightened. **But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.”** Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.” (John 6:16-21)

## Healing of a man who was born blind

- ✓ This was the twenty seventh miracle performed by Jesus and the **sixth miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ Isaiah spoke of the Messiah would open the eyes of the blind (Isaiah 42:7)
- ✓ “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life” (John 8:12)

“As he went along, **he saw a man blind from birth**. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” “Neither this man nor his parents sinned,” said Jesus, “**but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him**. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” After saying this, **he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes**. “Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). **So, the man went and washed, and came home seeing**” (John 9:1-7)



# The Raising of Lazarus

- ✓ This was the 30th miracle performed by Jesus and the **seventh miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ Jesus manifested his love and power and was acting in obedience to what the Father sent him to do by doing what the Father does.
- ✓ This is a wonderful picture of **Jesus bringing life to people who were dead**

“**Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb**. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for **he has been there four days**.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So, they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.” **When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out**, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” (John 11:38-44)

## Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish

- ✓ This was the 35th miracle performed by Jesus and the **eighth miracle recorded by John**.
- ✓ This was the second time Jesus performed this same miracle (Luke 5:11), and it was no doubt a stark reminder to the 6 disciples in that boat as to who was responsible for such a large catch of fish.
- ✓ This miracle was a powerful reminder to them that Jesus rose from the dead just as he said he would and now was with them once again.

“Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but **that night they caught nothing**. Early in the morning, **Jesus stood on the shore**, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. He said, “**Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.**” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.” (John 21:1-6)



# Many Other Miracles

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## Jesus frees a man from a demon

“In the synagogue **there was a man possessed by a demon**, an impure spirit. He cried out at the top of his voice, “Go away! **What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?** Have you come to destroy us? **I know who you are—the Holy One of God!**” “Be quiet!” **Jesus said sternly. “Come out of him!”** Then the demon threw the man down before them all and came out without injuring him. All the people were amazed and said to each other, “What words these are! With authority and power, he gives orders to impure spirits, and they come out!” and the news about him spread throughout the surrounding area.” (Luke 4:33-37)

## Jesus heals Peter’s Mother-in-Law

“As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. **Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever**, and they immediately told Jesus about her. **So, he went to her, took her hand and helped her up.** The fever left her, and she began to wait on them.” (Mark 1:29-31)

## Jesus' miracle of the large catch of fish

“One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water’s edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, **he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.”** Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” **When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break.** So, they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink”(Luke 5:1-7)

## Jesus cleanses a leper

“When Jesus came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. **A man with leprosy came and knelt before him** and said, “Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.” **Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man.** “I am willing,” he said. **“Be clean!” Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.** Then Jesus said to him, “See that you don’t tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them (Matthew 8:1-4)



## Jesus heals a man who was paralyzed

“A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. **Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them**. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When **Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man**, “Son, **your sins are forgiven**.” Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! **Who can forgive sins but God alone?**” Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” **So, he said to the man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home**.” He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” (Mark 2:1-12)

## Jesus heals a man with a withered hand

“Another time **Jesus went into the synagogue**, and **a man with a shriveled hand was there**. Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.” Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent. He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, **said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.”** He stretched it out, and **his hand was completely restored**” (Mark 3:1-5)

## Jesus heals the Centurion's servant

“**When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him**, asking for help. “Lord,” he said, “my **servant lies at home paralyzed**, suffering terribly.” Jesus said to him, “Shall I come and heal him?” The centurion replied, “Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **But just say the word, and my servant will be healed**. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, “Truly I tell you, **I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith**. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Then Jesus said to the centurion, “Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would.” And **his servant was healed at that moment**. (Matthew 8:5-13)

## Jesus raises a widow's son from the dead

“Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. As he approached the town gate, **a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow.** And a large crowd from the town was with her. When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “**Young man, I say to you, get up!**” **The dead man sat up and began to talk,** and Jesus gave him back to his mother. They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country” (Luke 7:11-17)

## Jesus heals a blind and mute man who was demon possessed

“Then they brought him a **demon-possessed man** who was blind and mute, and **Jesus healed him,** so that **he could both talk and see.** All the people were astonished and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” (Matthew 12:22-23)

## Jesus calms the storm

“That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.” Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” **He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.** He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!” (Mark 4:35-41)

## Jesus delivers a man who was demon possessed

“When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. **“What do you want with us, Son of God?”** they shouted. **“Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”** Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.” **He said to them, “Go!”** So, they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water.” (Matthew 8:28-32)

## Healing a woman of a hemorrhage

“As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. And **a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her**. She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. “Who touched me?” Jesus asked. When they all denied it, Peter said, “Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you.” But Jesus said, “Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me.” Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had been instantly healed. **Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”** (Luke 8:43-48)

## Jesus raises Jairus’s daughter from the dead

“While Jesus was still speaking, **someone came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. “Your daughter is dead,”** he said. “Don’t bother the teacher anymore.” **Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, “Don’t be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed.”** When he arrived at the house of Jairus, he did not let anyone go in with him except Peter, John and James, and the child’s father and mother. Meanwhile, all the people were wailing and mourning for her. “Stop wailing,” Jesus said. “She is not dead but asleep.” They laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But he took her by the hand and said, “**My child, get up!**” Her spirit returned, and at once she stood up. Then Jesus told them to give her something to eat. (Luke 8:49-55)



## Jesus heals two blind men

“As Jesus went on from there, **two blind men followed him**, calling out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, “Do you believe that I am able to do this?” “Yes, Lord,” they replied. **Then he touched their eyes and said, “According to your faith let it be done to you”**; and **their sight was restored**. Jesus warned them sternly, “See that no one knows about this. But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.”

(Matthew 9:27-31)

## Jesus casts out a demon from a man who couldn't speak

“While they were going out, **a man who was demon-possessed and could not talk was brought to Jesus**. And **when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke**. The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”. (Matthew 9:32-34)

## Jesus casts out a demon from the daughter of a Canaanite woman

“Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. **A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me!** My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.” Jesus did not answer a word. So, his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.” The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said. He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.” “Yes, it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.” Then Jesus said to her, **“Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment”**  
(Matthew 15:21-28)

## Jesus heals a deaf and mute person

“There some people brought to him **a man who was deaf and could hardly talk**, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him. After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man’s ears. Then he spit and touched the man’s tongue. He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, “*Ephphatha!*” (which means “Be opened!”). **At this, the man’s ears were opened, his tongue was loosened** and he began to speak plainly. Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **People were overwhelmed with amazement. “He has done everything well,” they said. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”** (Mark 7:32-37)

## Jesus feeds the 4000

“Jesus left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then he went up on a mountainside and sat down. **Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at his feet; and he healed them.** The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing.

And they praised the God of Israel. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way.” His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?” “How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.” He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. Then **he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples**, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. **The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children.** After Jesus had sent the crowd away, he got into the boat and went to the vicinity of Magadan.” (Matthew 15:29-39)

## Jesus heals a blind man at Bethsaida

“They came to Bethsaida, and **some people brought a blind man** and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man’s eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, “Do you see anything?” He looked up and said, “I see people; they look like trees walking around.” **Once more Jesus put his hands on the man’s eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.** Jesus sent him home, saying, “Don’t even go into the village.” (Mark 8:22-26)

## Jesus heals a demon possessed boy

“The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. **A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth.** It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. **I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.**” “You unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. **But Jesus rebuked the impure spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.**” (Luke 9:37-43)

## Jesus places a coin in a fish

“After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma temple tax came to Peter and asked, “Doesn’t your teacher pay the temple tax?” “Yes, he does,” he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. “What do you think, Simon?” he asked. “From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes—from their own children or from others?” “From others,” Peter answered. “Then the children are exempt,” Jesus said to him. “But so that we may not cause offense, go to the lake and throw out your line. **Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours.**”  
(Matthew 17:24-27)

## Jesus heals a crippled woman

“On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been **crippled by a spirit for eighteen years**. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” **Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.** Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, “There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath.” The Lord answered him, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?” When he said this, **all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.**” (Luke 13:10-17)

## Jesus heals a man of dropsy

“One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. **There in front of him was a man suffering from abnormal swelling of his body.** Jesus asked the Pharisees and experts in the law, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?” But they remained silent. **So taking hold of the man, he healed him and sent him on his way.** Then he asked them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that falls into a well on the Sabbath day, will you not immediately pull it out?” And they had nothing to say” (Luke 14:1-6)

## Jesus cleanses 10 Lepers

“Now on his way to Jerusalem, **Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.** As he was going into a village, **ten men who had leprosy met him.** They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” **When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.** One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? **Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?”** Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.” (Luke 17:11-17)



## Jesus heals a blind beggar named Bartimaeus

“As Jesus approached Jericho, **a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging**. When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” He called out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, **Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”** “Lord, I want to see,” he replied. **Jesus said to him, “Receive your sight; your faith has healed you.”** Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.” (Luke 18:35-43)

## Jesus curses a fig tree

“Early in the morning, as **Jesus was on his way back to the city**, he was hungry. **Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves**. Then he said to it, “**May you never bear fruit again!**” Immediately the tree withered” (Matthew 21:18-19)

## Jesus heals Malchus' ear

When Jesus' followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” **And he touched the man's ear and healed him**” (Luke 22:49-51)

## Miracles Are God's Business

- Rather than calling them into question – perhaps it's better to accept them as fact
- Rather than requiring them be proved – perhaps it's better to embrace them as true
- Since God is the One who performs miracles – perhaps it is best to recognize he does them so you might believe in Him.

*“Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. **But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name**” (John 20:30-31)*

