

# The Miracles of Jesus

A 40 Day Devotional

Lent 2023

Welcome to Lent 2023. From His miraculous birth all the way to His miraculous ascension after the resurrection, the Bible records many different miracles of Jesus. This Easter season our sermon series will focus on some of those miracles. In addition to our Sunday sermons, we encourage you to read about these 40 miracles during the 40 days of Lent. The 40 days of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday and concludes on Easter. The 40 days of Lent do not include Sunday, so you will find a devotion for each weekday and Saturday of Lent.

I encourage you to read one each day. Say a prayer after each one and then spend time contemplating each miracle to discover what God might reveal to you.

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*Monday, February 27, 2023*

After Jesus healed the demon-possessed man in the synagogue in Capernaum, he and his disciples went to the home of Simon Peter and Andrew, where the mother-in-law of Peter (also known as Simon and as Simon Peter) was sick with a high fever. As described in the Gospel of Luke:

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

- Luke 4:38-39, NIV translation.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/m4.htm>

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Tuesday, February 28, 2023

After describing how Jesus healed Peter the Apostle's mother-in-law in Capernaum, the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke say that Jesus healed many people during the evening, of all kinds of illnesses. As explained in the Gospel of Luke:

At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

- Luke 4:40-41, NIV translation.

So why would Jesus want to prevent the evil spirits from proclaiming him as being the Messiah? A Bible scholar named Victor Prange wrote the following:

Jesus did not want the witness of these evil spirits. They witnessed from evil intent and with the purpose of undermining the true purpose of Christ's mission. Too easily people would come to think of the Messiah only as a miracle worker and not as the Servant of God come to redeem sinners from eternal death and hell.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/jesus-miracles-healing-hands.htm>

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*Wednesday, March 01, 2023*

The Bible describes more than one miracle of Jesus involving the catching of fish. In this incident, described in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is sitting in a boat, talking to people on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Afterwards, he instructs Peter (also known as Simon) to take the boat further into the lake:

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.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

- Luke 5:3-10, NIV translation.

Two of Jesus' 12 Apostles were named Simon - Simon the Zealot and Simon Peter, also known as Peter. Simon Peter and Andrew, who also was one of the Apostles, were brothers. The Sea of Galilee, where Peter sometimes worked as a fisherman, was also called the Lake of Gennesaret.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/m5.htm>

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Thursday, March 02, 2023

After preaching the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), Jesus came down the hillside followed by a large crowd. A leper approached Jesus and was miraculously healed of his skin disease.

As described in the book of Luke, which is in the New Testament of the Bible:

While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "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!" And immediately the leprosy left him.

Then Jesus ordered him, "Don't tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing, as a testimony to them."

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

- Luke 5:12-15, NIV translation.

The word "leprosy" can refer to a variety of diseases that affect a person's skin.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/m6.htm>

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*Friday, March 03, 2023*

During one of Jesus' visits to the town of Capernaum, a centurion, through intermediaries, asked Jesus to heal the centurion's servant who was ill and near death. Jesus agreed to go to centurion's house and heal the centurion's servant. But the centurion, through his friends, told Jesus that the centurion felt unworthy to have Jesus come into his home. Jesus praised the centurion for his faith and the servant was healed.

As explained in the Gospel of Luke:

When Jesus had finished saying all this to the people who were listening, he entered Capernaum. There a centurion's servant, whom his master valued highly, was sick and about to die. The centurion heard of Jesus and sent some elders of the Jews to him, asking him to come and heal his servant. When they came to Jesus, they pleaded earnestly with him, "This man deserves to have you do this, because he loves our nation and has built our synagogue." So Jesus went with them.

He was not far from the house when the centurion sent friends to say to him: "Lord, don't trouble yourself, for I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. That is why I did not even consider myself worthy to come to you. But 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 at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said, "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well.

- Luke 7:1-10, NIV translation.

A centurion was a Roman soldier who had authority over other soldiers. During the time of Jesus about 2,000 years ago, the Romans ruled over a vast empire that included the Biblical land of Israel.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/m7.htm>

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*Saturday, March 04, 2023*

While Jesus was staying at a house in Capernaum, a group of men tried to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus so that Jesus would heal him. But, there was a large crowd inside and outside of the house, so the men had to find a creative way to get the paralyzed man to Jesus. The men succeeded and Jesus miraculously healed the man.

As explained in the Gospel of Luke:

Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up 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

paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."  
Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

- Luke 5:18-26, NIV translation.

Jesus is God incarnate as a man. He is fully human and he is fully God.

Source: <http://www.aboutbibleprophecy.com/m8.htm>

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