

Jesus' Extraordinary Miracles

Mark 6:30-56

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Where else can this account be found?

1. Feeding the 5000 is also found in Matthew 14:13-21, Luke 9:10-17 and John 6:1-15.
2. Walking on water is also found in Matthew 14:22-33 and John 6:16-21.
3. Healing the sick in Gennesaret is also found in Matthew 14:34-36.

What is the purpose of this narrative?

1. Continue to provide _____ for Mark's opening statement: *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
2. Mark's Gospel can be divided into two sections:
 - a. The _____ of Jesus: Messiah & Son of God (1:1-8:30). This section begins with Mark's declaration and ends with Peter's proclamation, *You are the Christ.* Matthew adds the rest of Peter's statement, *the Son of the Living God* (16:16).
 - b. The _____ of Jesus: The Suffering Servant of the Lord (8:31-16:20).
3. Jesus' miracles in Mark up to chapter 6.

Jesus' Miracles in Mark	Reference
Healed the demon-possessed.	1:21-28, 32, 39; 5:1-20
Healed physical illnesses including leprosy.	1:29-34; 40-45; 2:1-12; 3:1-6; 5:21-43
Raised the dead.	5:21-43
Calmed a storm.	4:35-41

4. These miracles are hints that Jesus was something more than a prophet. But, the OT prophets did some pretty amazing things through God's power.

OT Miracle	Scripture Reference
Power over physical illness	2 Kings 5:10-14 (Namaan)
Control over nature	Exodus 7-10 (1 st 9 plagues); Exod 14 (Red Sea); Exod 16 (Manna); Exod 17 (Water from the rock)
Power to kill.	Exodus 12 (Death of Egypt's firstborn); Lev 10 (Nadab & Abihu)
Power to multiply food.	1 Kings 17 (widow's meal); 2 Kings 4:42-44
Raising the dead	2 Kings 4:32-37 (Shunammite's son)

How do Jesus' extraordinary miracles support Mark's argument that Jesus is Messiah and Son of God? By showing that He is greater than the two greatest OT prophets.

1. The loaves and fish miracle show that Jesus is better than _____.
 - a. Moses "fed" the people with manna for forty years.
 - b. The manna came down from heaven every day until the Sabbath. The Hebrews would collect _____ for the day, but only for that day.
 - c. Jesus supplied food from His _____, not the sky, showing that He was God. And He supplied far more than they needed.
2. Walking on water shows that Jesus is greater than _____.
 - a. Elijah exercised some control over _____. He prayed and it didn't rain for 3.5 years (1 Kings 17:1; 18:44-45). Outside of Joshua's strange request (Joshua 10), no other prophet ever even tried to control the weather. Even the, Elijah called on God.
 - b. Jesus did not call on God to command the wind.
 - c. Jesus' ability to walk on water is unlike any miracle recorded in the OT (see 2 Kings 6:6). This is why the disciples thought they saw a _____.
 - d. Controlling nature _____ the disciples (4:41).
3. Jesus' wraps up this leg of His Galilean ministry with especially miraculous healings before leaving for the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon (Mark 7:24).
 - a. Nowhere in the OT is anyone healed by touching a prophet's _____.

Lessons for us

1. Take rest when you need it. "You are only as _____ as you are rested" (Berg).
2. Will you have the _____ of Christ or the _____ of the disciples?
3. People without _____ are like sheep without a shepherd. What will you do to lead them to the Shepherd?
4. Jesus asks only for what you have. He can do _____ with that.
5. We want many things, but _____ Jesus satisfies.
6. Sometimes Jesus _____, but He always arrives on time.
7. When Jesus shows up, He brings _____.
8. Experiencing a miracle is no guarantee of spiritual _____.