



Week 1: Jesus Did Real Miracles

Day 1 – Jesus Calms the Storm



*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” – **Mark 4:35-41***

Only God can control the waves of the sea. *“He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed” – **Psalm 89:9.***

When the disciples saw Jesus calm the storm, they immediately remembered that only God could calm the waves. Jesus’ miracle let them know that he was the son of God.

If Jesus can control storms and seas, then he is powerful enough to answer our prayers.



Mark 4:39 (ESV)

“He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”



Main Idea: Jesus has power over nature.



Did This Really Happen?

This story is recorded in multiple Gospels and was written by eyewitnesses or close friends of eyewitnesses. The disciples were scared fishermen — they knew storms! If they were making a story up, they wouldn’t have made themselves look scared. Later they were willing to suffer for telling this story to others, they must have believed it was true.



Action Point: When you feel afraid, pray and remember Jesus is stronger than any storm.

Day 2 – Jesus Heals a Blind Man



As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes

opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” - **John 9:1-11**

Wow Jesus made a blind man see. The people were amazed at what Jesus did. If Jesus can make a blind man see, then he is able to help you with your problems too.



John 9:25 (ESV)

“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”



Main Idea: Jesus can heal what no one else can.



Did This Really Happen?

The religious leaders questioned the man and even his parents. Many people saw him before and after. The miracle wasn't done in secret - everyone could see the difference! If someone was trying to make up a story about Jesus, they would not have him do something gross like spit in the mud and put it on a man's eyes. Those details tell us that this is a true story. Did you know that even enemies of Jesus claimed he performed miracles?



Action Point: Thank Jesus for the ways He has helped you.

Day 3 – Feeding 5,000 People



After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed

them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” - **John 6:1-14**

Jesus fed 5,000 men with a small boy’s lunch. Little is much when we trust Jesus with it.



John 6:11 (ESV)

“And Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them...”



Main Idea: Jesus provides more than enough.



Did This Really Happen?

This miracle is in all four Gospels. That’s important! When multiple writers include the same event, it shows it was very important and widely known. Jesus was well known by Christians and non-Christians for performing miracles. That is why crowds of people followed him.



Action Point: Share something small today — God can use small things in big ways.

Day 4 – Jesus Walks on Water



And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind,^[a] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind

ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.” – Matthew 14:24-33

Jesus showed that he had power over all of nature. He helped Peter to walk on the water and helped Peter when he was sinking. God can help us with any problem we have if we ask for His help.



Matthew 14:33 (ESV)

And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



Main Idea: Jesus rules over what seems impossible.



Did This Really Happen?

The disciples were together and saw it. They later preached about Jesus even when it was dangerous. People usually don't risk their lives for something they know is made up. Peter wouldn't have wanted them telling a story about him almost drowning in the water if it were made up. That would have been embarrassing to him. The fact that detail is included shows us it really happened.



Action Point: Trust Jesus with something that feels impossible today.

Day 5 – Jesus Raises Lazarus



Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” – John 11:38-48

Lazarus had been dead 4 days and Jesus brought him back to life. He proved that he has power over death. We can trust that Jesus really died and arose from the dead and gives us eternal life.



John 11:43-44 (ESV)

“‘Lazarus, come out.’ The man who had died came out...”



Main Idea: Jesus has power over death.



Did This Really Happen?

Lazarus had been dead four days. Many people were there and saw it. After this miracle, more people believed - and some leaders became angry because they couldn't deny what happened.



Action Point: Thank Jesus that He gives eternal life.

Day 6 – Jesus Heals a Man who Couldn't Walk



After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. – John 5:1-9

Before the man could even ask Jesus, Jesus asked him “Do you want to be healed?” Jesus was eager to help the man who had not been able to walk for 38 years. Jesus waited until the man said he

wanted to be healed before he healed him. This shows us God wants us to ask Him for the things we want or need. God answers prayer and wants us to ask for the things that we need.



John 5:6 (ESV)

When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”



Main Idea: Jesus wants to help us.



Did This Really Happen?

Archaeologists have found the exact location of this miracle and it's just as the Bible described. There are references, outside the Bible, of non-Christians mentioning that Jesus did miracles just like this one. Jesus was well known for doing miracles by the people.



Action Point: Know that even before you ask God for help, he wants to help you.

Day 7 – Jesus Heals Jairus’ Daughter



Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus' feet, he implored him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying... While he was still speaking, someone from the ruler's house came and said, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the Teacher any more." But Jesus on hearing this answered him, "Do not fear; only believe, and she will be well." And when he came to the house, he allowed no one to enter with him, except Peter and John and James, and the father and mother of the child. And all were weeping and mourning for her, but he said, "Do not weep, for she is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. But taking her by the hand he called, saying, "Child, arise." And her spirit returned, and she got up at once. And

he directed that something should be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed. – **Luke 8:40-56**

When you have a problem, it can be hard not to worry about it. Jesus knew Jairus loved his daughter and told him not to be afraid because Jesus knew he was going to heal her. God wants us to trust him with our problems rather than worry over them.



Luke 8:50 (ESV)

"Do not fear; only believe."



Main Idea: Rather than worry, we should talk to God and trust Him.



Did This Really Happen?

The Bible mentions Jairus by name. He would have been well known in the town. It would have been easy for someone to confirm if Jesus really had healed the girl just by asking Jairus if it happened.



Action Point: Don't worry, talk to God about your problems instead.



Week 2: Jesus Really Rose from the Dead

Day 8 – Jesus Predicted His Death and Resurrection



And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” – Mark 8:31-33

Several times Jesus told his disciples that he was going to die and rise again. They didn't want to hear it. They didn't understand that this was actually God's plan. Jesus knew and foretold his disciples about the greatest miracle of all time before it even happened.

How could Jesus know how he would die and that he would come back to life again? He couldn't unless he was who he said he was – God's son.

If Jesus knows the future, then we can trust and follow him.



Mark 8:31 (ESV)

“The Son of Man must suffer... and after three days rise again.”



Main Idea: Jesus said He would rise — and He did.



Did This Really Happen?

If Jesus hadn't risen, His enemies could have shown His body. But they couldn't. The tomb was empty. Jesus really rose from the dead.



Action Point: Believe Jesus keeps His word.

Day 9 – The Empty Tomb



Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb...

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means

Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her. – **John 20:1-18**

Mary had watched Jesus die on the cross. She knew that he was dead, yet she saw him risen from the dead. She wasn’t expecting to see Jesus alive. It wasn’t a dream, or wishful thinking. She saw and talked to Jesus after his resurrection.



Matthew 28:6 (ESV)

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.”



Main Idea: The tomb was empty.



Did This Really Happen?

Women were the first witnesses of Jesus rising from the dead. In those days, women’s testimony wasn’t highly valued in court. All four gospels mention women being the first to see Jesus alive. If someone were making up a story, they likely wouldn’t write it that way — which shows it wasn’t invented.



Action Point: Celebrate that Jesus is alive!

Day 10 – Jesus Appears to His Disciples



As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the

Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. – **Luke 24: 36-48**

The disciples had heard from Mary Magdalene and other ladies that Jesus was alive, but they didn’t want to believe it if it wasn’t true. Seeing Jesus and being able to physically touch his nail scars let them know that Jesus was really risen from the dead.



Luke 24:46-47 (ESV)

“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations...”



Main Idea: We can be certain that Jesus really rose from the dead and can forgive us of our sins.



Did This Really Happen?

The apostles all spoke of Jesus resurrection and preached about it. They talked about seeing him, touching his nail scars, talking to him, and eating with him. Some of them even died rather than lie and say Jesus didn’t rise from the dead.



Action Point: Pray and ask God to help you. Thank God for sending Jesus to pay the price for our sins.

Day 11 – Doubting Thomas



Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” –

John 20:24-28

Thomas wasn't there when Jesus met the disciples for the first time after he rose from the dead. Thomas didn't want to believe a lie. He wanted proof that Jesus really did rise from the dead. Jesus allowed Thomas to touch his side and his nail scarred hands.

Even though we can't see Jesus physically today, we can know for sure that he really did rise from the dead.



John 20:27 (ESV)

“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands... Do not disbelieve, but believe.’”



Main Idea: Jesus invites honest questions.



Did This Really Happen?

Thomas doubted at first. The Bible honestly tells us that! If this were a made-up story, the writers probably wouldn't show one of the disciples doubting. That honesty helps show its true history.



Action Point: If you have questions, talk to God and ask a trusted adult.

Day 12 – Many People Saw Him



For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. – 1 Corinthians 15:3-7

Lots of people saw Jesus after he arose from the dead. Jesus stressed that he died on the cross to pay the price for our sins. His resurrection shows us that what he said was true. He was truly God's son and he paid the price for our sins. Because Jesus lives, we know that one day we will live with Jesus in heaven, if we have trusted in him and asked him to forgive us of our sins.



1 Corinthians 15:6 (ESV)

“Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time...”



Main Idea: Many witnesses saw the risen Jesus.



Did This Really Happen?

This letter was written while many witnesses were still alive. People could ask them what they saw. We know that is what happened. Paul, in the book of Galatians mentions talking to Peter, James and John and asking them about the gospel, which includes the fact Jesus rose from the dead, and he says they told him that was true.



Action Point: Tell someone today: “Jesus is alive!”

Day 13 – The Disciples Changed



Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul... And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. – Acts 4:32-33

When Jesus was arrested the night that Judas betrayed him, all the disciples ran away. They were afraid that they too would be arrested and possibly die. When Jesus first appeared to them after his resurrection, they were still in hiding. It wasn't until after the disciples had seen Jesus, and talked to him, touched him, and had eaten with him, that they changed. They went from being scared to let people know they were Jesus' disciples, to be brave.

They would boldly tell people that Jesus had risen from the dead to pay the price for their sins. Sometimes people would try to hurt them for saying this. But it did not stop them. They were willing to suffer so that others could know the truth – that Jesus was alive

and because of what he had done, everyone can be forgiven and live eternally with God.



Acts 4:33 (ESV)

“And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus...”



Main Idea: The disciples became bold.



Did This Really Happen?

Before the resurrection, the disciples were afraid and hiding. After seeing Jesus alive, they boldly told everyone — even when it was dangerous. Something real must have changed them.



Action Point: Be brave in telling others that Jesus is alive and paid the price for our sins.

Day 14 – Why It Matters



John 3:16-17 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. “

Romans 10:9 (ESV)

“If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

God loves us very much. God is also just and fair. He must punish sin. The Bible says *“For the wages [or punishment] of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* -

Romans 6:23. God sent Jesus to take our punishment. Jesus was willing to take our punishment so that we could be forgiven and live one day with him in heaven forever.

The fact Jesus rose from the dead shows us that he truly is God’s son and that we can be forgiven of all the wrong things we have done.

If you believe that God loves you, and that Jesus paid the price for your sins by dying on the cross for you and that he rose from the dead, then pray a prayer in your own words like this:

“God, I know you love me and want the best for me. I admit that I have done and said things that displease you. I know that you sent Jesus, who was perfect, to pay the price for the wrong things that I have done. I believe Jesus died for me, and I ask that you forgive me for the things that I have done. I want you to be the leader of my life. Thank you for forgiving me and making me part of your heavenly family. Amen”



Main Idea: The resurrection means salvation is real.



Did This Really Happen?

Christianity is based on a real historical event — the resurrection. If Jesus didn’t rise, there would be no good news. But because He did, we have hope forever! The fact of the resurrection lets us know that Jesus was telling us the truth that God will forgive us if we ask him and believe in what Jesus did for us.



Action Point: Thank Jesus for saving you and living today. If you haven’t asked God to forgive you of your sins, then do so today.