

# **Parables of Jesus**

## **Lesson #1**

### **Introduction:**

#### **1- What should be the Christian attitude towards the world and its cultures?**

#### **Five kind of Christians attitudes towards the cultures today:**

1. These who see the world and its culture as a threat 1John 2:15-16
2. These who see that the Christian should join it 1Cor 9:20-21
3. These who see that we should ignore it 1Cor 7:31
4. These who see that we should fight it
5. These who see that we should build on it John 3:16

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### **Lesson #2**

#### **Introduction:**

Read Matthew 13:1-23

At the beginning of Matthew Chapter 13, we find Jesus setting by the sea side and great multitude gathered together, so many, that in order for all to hear him, he went into a ship and spoke to them from the ship. Please note the parable that he told them was the parable of the sower and when he was finished, the disciples ask him.

Parables means: a story, a proverb, a comparison, or comparing one thing with other, a similitude

#### **1- Why do Jesus speak to the people in parables? V.10**

Read: V. 11-17; Ps78:1-7

#### **2- “Parable the Sower and the Seed” Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23**

Sower (farmer, gardener) = God   Seeds = Word or Son of God,   Soil = People’s Hearts

**a- What do the four Soils that the seeds fell on symbolized? V.3-9**

**b- What are the nature of the Soil (Hearts)? Which one is describing you?  
V.18-23**

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Lesson #3**

**Introduction**

**What would come of the kingdom of heaven?**

**1- How is the kingdom of heaven like Muster Seed? Matthew 13:31-32**

**2- How is the kingdom of heaven (Christian believers) like leaven? Matthew 13:33-35 / Galatians 5:9 / Acts 20:29-**

**3- How is the kingdom of heaven like treasure ? Matthew 13:44-46**

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### **Lesson #4**

**Introduction:** Read Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

#### **How God rules his kingdom?**

God rules his kingdom by Love, joy and peace

- He is omnipotent, Omnipresent: Where can I go from you Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go to heavens you are there; If I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Ps139:7-8/
- Omniscient (Rev2:23) Rom8:27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the spirit, because the spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will
- Eternal (Ps90:2, Rom1:20)For Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature...
- God is Love (1John4:9) Holy (Isaiah6:3); (1Peter1:15-16)/ Truth and Wise (Matt10:18)/ Merciful (Isaiah56:5) (Lamentation3:22-23)/ Faithful (Ps102:25-27) (Heb13:8) etc.

This parable reveals that Satan will be active through his own throughout this present age. He will seek to prevent the Word of God that is being sown from coming to fruition and will remain active until the end of the age. Satan rules his kingdom by fear and by deceive people. Since Christ through the sons of the kingdom (Matt 13:38) is active in the world sowing the Word of God.

#### **1- What will be Satan's activity during the course of this age?**

(Acts 20:28-31)

I need you to discover the work of evil today?

- False teachings: **1John** 1-Walk in the light 2-obey the commands (Love) 3- Do not love the world 4- Warning against the antichrist 2:18 5- test the spirits 6- Faith in the son of God.Cults: Jehovah witness, Mormons, Science church, New age etc.
- Works (manifestations) like the terrorism today/ Witchcraft and others
- Religions there is 99 names in Islam but don't have the name "Love"

**2- Who are the dangerous people in your congregation and mine?** ( Not to us and our ambitions, but to our Lord. Before we list them, be careful. We may be among them ourselves)

The church of Jesus Christ is made up of inside-outsiders and inside-insiders  
First is in the church but outside a deep, intimate relationship with Christ.  
Believes that Jesus Christ is the savior of the world but has never come to  
know Him as the Lord of his life  
Second is inside the church and inside a personal relationship with Christ.  
He was no longer running his own life.

**3- The point is simply that the devil is going to bring forward people (whether in the church or out of it) so much like true Christians. If the devil is mixing his people in among true Christians, then what we should do?**

1- Be alert to that fact 2- No one should take comfort in sin 3-pray and study His word

**4- Describe the attitude of Christ toward sinners. What attitude are we to have toward them?**

**5- Who are the reapers in the parable Mt.13:39? What other scriptures show that to be true?**

**6- What kind of people will the angels remove from the kingdom Mt.41,42**

**where will those people be placed? What will be their reaction to that place?**

**7- What will happen to believers after the final judgement? V.42**

**8- What did Jesus mean by the phrase “...Who has ears to hear, let him hear”? V.43**

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**Lesson #5**

**Introduction:** Read Matthew 13:47-52/ Matthew25:31-41/ John5:25-29  
At that time there will be a judgement to separate the sons of the kingdom from the sons of the evil one.  
This separating judgement will be explained in parables of fishing net.

**1- What two things did the Lord emphasize in V.47**

**2- Why did Jesus teach the parable of the dragnet? Jh 5:40**  
**Give 2 reasons**

1-

2-

**3- How does God feel about seeing the wicked die? Support your answer with scripture Mt25:13/ Matthew9:35-38/ 2peter 3:9/ 1Tim2:3-4**

**4- What happens to unbelievers when they die? What will happen to them in the future? John5:25-29/ Rev.20:11-15**

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### **Lesson #6**

**Introduction:** Read Luke 16:19-31/ Luke 12:13-21

The Pharisees' love of money was so deep-rooted in both their theology and their practice that Christ spoke a second parable in this context in order to correct the misunderstanding of His disciples and to instruct them in the proper evaluation of money.

**1- What is the result of giving oneself to the pursuit of material possessions?**

**And what is the danger of serving money?**

**2- What is the moments after death?**

**3- What is hell?**

**4- What is Death?**

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### **Lesson #7**

**Introduction:** Luke 15:1-10/ Matthew.18:12-14

**Does God know? Does He care? How can He be concerned about billions of people? Who am I that God would care about me?**

God's autobiographical answer to us through His Son astounds us. The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin communicate with undeniable vividness that God is concerned about the lost, cares about individuals and is consumed with an active, seeking love for you and me.

Jesus, the master teacher, answers our questions by asking questions, first about a lost sheep and then the lost coin.

The most obvious similarity among these 2 parables is that in each something has been lost. In the first a sheep is lost, in the second a coin. This speaks of our miserable condition apart from God.

**1- What kind of shepherd would leave ninety-nine sheep in an open pasture to search for one gone astray? Why is one so important and valuable? Luke 15:4-5**

Read (David prayed Ps.23)/ Ps.100:3/

**2- What is the relationship between Shepherd and his Sheep and the woman and ten silver coins? Luke 15:8 Read Isaiah 40:11/ John 10:11-14**

**3- What does it mean to be lost (you and me)? What our God is like when He found the lost person or how he relates to the lost? Luke 15:6,7,9,10**

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### **Lesson #8**

**Introduction:** Read Luke 15:11-31

- **The first parable,** Jesus personalized the parable by saying “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them” V.4 The Lord caused each of his hearers to immediately take personal interest in what was in value to the one who had suffered a loss.
- **The second parable,** The coins may have been the bride’s dowry that she had been given at her wedding. The loss of one of the coins would suggest unfaithfulness that such a bond entailed. The coin was sufficient value that the labor was considered worth-while. In both parables Christ revealed that God diligently seeks sinners.
- **The third parable,** will not understood unless the emphasis is placed on the father, who is mentioned twelve times in the story. Jesus continue to reveal the attitude of God toward sinners. God is dealing with human being that has his own will and freedom. father more or less in a hopeless position so far as the salvation of a person is concern. He longs for his son’s return, but he does not seek him out. He holds forth no inducements.

**1- What are the steps that young son took away from his father? V.11-16**

**2- What are the steps that young son took back to his father? V.17-24**

**3- What father’s attitude was towards his son? V.20-23,**

**4-What was wrong with the older son? V.28-30**

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### **Lesson #9**

**Introduction** Read Matthew 22:1-14

**Why did Jesus tell them this parable of the wedding banquet?**

**Mtt21:45-46**

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

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**2-Who had been invited to the wedding? V.3-7**

**John 1: 11-13**

the bridegroom friends, the first invitation was given at the time of the betrothal. It was sent out to those who had previously been invited. This second invitation announced the date for the wedding and the wedding banquet.

In Christ's symbolism of the parable, those who had been invited refer to the nation with which God had made a covenant, promising them a Messiah

who would institute the kingdom of peace and righteousness in which they were privilege to have a part.

The respond of the guests to this second invitation was quit unexpected, for they refuse to come.V.3

The second shows the gracious of the host, may not understood the urgency of the second. Invitation. So he sent more servants to inform the invited guests that the dinner had been prepared and made the banquet most attractive V.4 the host extend these additional invitations and to make every effort to make the banquet attractive. God spoke through His prophets and prepare the nation to enter the kingdom, John the Baptist began his ministry, he announced the kingdom of God was at hand... He sent more servants after his resurrection apostle etc. and urged those who had been invited to enter the promised kingdom.

**What was their respond to the invitation?** One guest was concerned with his field. He was laboring to increase his own wealth and ignored the invitation in order to guarantee a good harvest. Another guest devoted himself to his business. Some who received invitations used violence to remove any further to attend the banquet. Jesus' responded V. 7

1- Sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city( AD 70 killed 1.5 Million)

2- New invitation was extended to the nations V.8-10

3- The third the final judgement V.12-14

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**2- Who had been invited to the wedding? 3-7**

**3- What was Jesus respond to those who was guilty of the sin of rejecting his invitations? V.7-10**

**4- Who will accepted into the kingdom of God and enter the wedding? V.11-12**

**5- What will happen to the people that not wearing wedding clothes? V.13-14**

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Lesson #11**

**Introduction Read Luke 14:15-24**

**What is the difference between the banquet in Matthew and the banquet in Luke?**

Luke concerns a certain man, in Matthew a king. In Matthew a wedding banquet for the king's son in Luke a great supper. In Luke 5 invitations in Matthew 4 invitations. In Luke the invitation guests make excuses, in Matthew they refuse and turn violent. In Luke the invited guests are passed by (no one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet), in Matthew are destroyed and judged.

V.15 Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.

**1- What is the banquet in heaven (kingdom of God) look like?  
Revelation 19:5-16**

**2- How many invitation has been sent out and to whom?**

**3- What was the people excuses from coming to the wedding? V.18-20**

**4- How the Master (the owner of the house) responded to those who make excuses and rejected his invitations? V.21-24**

## **Miracles of the Bible Lesson #12**

### **Happy Thanksgiving**

#### **Read: Luke 17:11-19**

**Introduction:** In this story Jesus meets a group of 10 men with leprosy. Because of their disease, lepers were considered unclean and were required to keep a distance from others. Lepers had to stay so many paces away from everyone and shout the warning wherever they went: Unclean, Unclean. Only after being declared healed and clean by a priest could a leper re-enter society. At least one of the 10 was a Samaritan-whom Jews generally despised as ethnic and religious half-breeds.

**1- Why did Jesus send the lepers to the priests rather than healing them on the spot? Leviticus 14**

**2- Why did all but one of the lepers fail to come back and thank Jesus?**

**3- What was significant about the man who did return to thank Jesus?**

**4- Whom you would thank for what they have done for you? How will you go about conveying your thanks to them?**

a- Jesus                      b- my parents                      c- my spouse                      d- my children

e- a friend                      f- a pastor                      g- a doctor                      h- a teacher

i- a coach/ mentor                      j- brother/ sister                      l- other:

**5- The man who was healed praised God in a loud voice and threw himself at Jesus' feet. What keeps you from being that expressive of your thanks to Jesus?**

**6- For further study: There are more than 150 verses in the bible that encourage us to be thankful as Christians. Look for some of them in the New Testament:**

- Romans 1:8; 14:6; 1Corinthians 1: 4; 14:6,16,17; Philippians 1:3;4:6; Colossians 1:3
- Colossians 2:7; 3:15; 4:2; Hebrews 12:28
- Ephesians 1:16; 5:4; 1thessalonians 5:18; 2Corinthians 9:8-15
- 1Timothy1:12; 2:1; 4:3-4; 2Timothy 1:3
- Revelation 4:9; 7:12; 11:17

# **Miracles of the Bible**

## **Lesson #13**

**Read:** Exodus 14:1-31

**Introduction:** As a result of the tenth plague-the death of the Egyptian firstborn on the night of Passover-Pharaoh had finally let the Israelites go. When Israel knew that Pharaoh and his host were pursuing them and that, with the Red Sea facing them, there was no avenue of escape, we read that they were sore afraid and cried unto the Lord and said that it might have been as well to die in Egypt as perish in the waters of the Red Sea.

**1- What was going through Moses' head as he raised his staff at the Red Sea? V.13-16**

**2- What are the basic elements for this miracle? V.19-28**

**3- How would that glory be reflected in this miracle? V.29- 31**

**4- How have you experienced God through the "Red Sea" of your life?**

**5- In what ways might this passage help you to trust God with your fears?**

# **Miracles of the Bible**

## **Lesson #14**

**Read: Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:1-20**

### **Introduction:**

Christmas is a world holiday celebration the birth of Jesus Christ. Although it is a religious holiday, many modern customs and practices associated with it were carried over from other festivals-some religious, some not.

The background and birth of Jesus can be found in the Bible, in the New Testament books of Matthew (Chapters 1-2) and Luke (chapter 2). These two books, along with Mark and John, are called Gospels, meaning “good news”.

Though a Jewish couple were forbidden to have sexual relations during engagement, they were referred to as husband and wife, and their relationship could be broken only by divorce. The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, telling her that, though she was a virgin, she would become the mother of the Messiah. The angel also reported that Mary’s relative Elizabeth was pregnant as well. Elizabeth was six months pregnant with the child who would be known as John the Baptist.

**1- What are you observed about Christmas in America?**

**2-- What was Mary’s reaction to the appearance of the angel? Luke 1:30, 34,38  
Luke 2:19**

**3- What was the angels message? Luke 2:10-14**

**4- What the effect did the angelic visit have on the shepherds? Luke 2:9, 15-20**

**5- What is the most miraculous aspect of this story to you?**

**6- What effect has the news of Christ’s birth had on you?**

**7- Why is it important to celebrate Christmas today?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #15

**Read: The gospel of John chapter 2 verses 1-11**

**Introduction:**

Weddings' s in Jesus' time were important events. Relatives and townspeople would gather to celebrate, often for up to a week! To run out of wine would be a great social embarrassment.

**1- How you do weddings in your country and culture?**

**2- What is the funniest thing you've witnessed at a wedding?**

**3- Why do you think Jesus went to this wedding? V.1-2**

**5- Why did Jesus' mother Mary ask Jesus to do something about the wine? V.3**

**6- How does Jesus perform this miracle? V. 4-8**

**7- Why do you think Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast? V.11**

**Application: For deeper thought**

**1- How often do your parents pressure you to do something you don't want to do?**

a- everyday                      b- pretty often                      c-occasionally                      d- rarely/never

**2- In what area(s) do your parents ask something of you that really irritates you?**

a- chores                      b-grades                      c- dating                      d-curfew                      e-clothes                      f- hair

g- friends

h- dating                      i- language                      j- music/TV/Computer                      m-using the phone                      n- driving the car

o- going to church                      p- attending Bible study teaching                      s- others

**3- How could Jesus change things in your life?**

**4- How could Jesus bring celebration back into your life?**

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## **Lesson #16**

**Read** Matthew 14:22-33 and John 6:14-21 and discuss

### **Introduction:**

The lesson of this passage is abundantly clear. After feeding the multitude Jesus sent his disciples away. John tells us that after the feeding of the multitude, the crowd wished to come and to make him a king by force (John6:15). It was a dangerous situation, and the disciples might well have complicated it, for they, too, were still thinking of Jesus in terms of earthly power. Jesus sent away his disciples because a situation had arisen, with which he could best deal alone, and in which he did not wish them to become involved and which he wants them to know who he is? He revealed himself to his disciples as God who has authority over the nature.

**I- What does the nature look like in your country? weather? mountain? desert? sea? rivers? explain**

**II- What natural disaster you most fear? Hurricanes? High places? Darkness? Water? Sea? Earthquakes? Avalanches? Tornados? Volcanos? Flooding?**

**III- If you had been in the boat with the disciples when they saw someone walking on the water, what would you have said? V.25-26**

**IV-After Jesus encourage them in V. 27. What do Peter's actions reveal about his personality? V.28**

**V- Why do you think Peter asks Jesus to call to him? When Peter begin to sink? Why then and not earlier? V.29- 31**

**Application: Deeper thinking**

- 1- Has Jesus ever frightened you? How?**
  
- 2- What is the nature of the storm you fear most right now?**
  
- 3- Where is your life do you need Jesus to say “it is I, don’t be afraid”?**
  
- 4- If you had been Peter, how would you have responded if Jesus invited you to**
- 5- “Come”?**
  
- 6- When it comes to risking, how would you describe yourself?**

# **Miracles of the New Testament**

## **Lesson #17**

### **Looking into the scripture**

**Read: John 11**

#### **Introduction:**

The raising of Lazarus is the masterpiece of all the miracles of Christ-It cost Him his life. There was a man named Lazarus who had fallen ill. His home was at Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. The sister was already famous. The sisters sent a message to Jesus: "Sir, you should know that your friend lies ill".

Jesus was often asked for help, but this special message came as a favor to Him. It comes as a severe shock to discover that "after hearing of his illness Jesus waited for two days in the place where he was". Imagine what it must have done to Mary and Martha. He was a day away. What went on in their minds as they watched Lazarus die and Jesus didn't come and didn't seem to care? There was no explanation, no excuse; it must have strained their relationship to breaking point. But that was the gentlest way for Jesus to set the stage for the maximum show of the glory of God. Jesus had to wait until every other help had failed, until the situation was absolutely hopeless. According to the Jews belief, the flesh did not begin to decay until the fourth day. So, "though he loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus", Jesus did not try to lift Lazarus until the fourth day after he had died. "As soon as she heard that Jesus was on his way, Martha went to meet him, while Mary stayed at home". Martha could not wait to ask, Why? Why did you let us down? Let us lose Lazarus? Now it's too late. "If you had been here, sir, my brother would not have died". Jesus tried to explain: "Your brother will rise again"...The last miracle not only made Palm Sunday but built the cross; for Palm Sunday but built the cross. "So from that day on they plotted his death"

**I- In your culture what are the procedures of a burial? Explain?**

**II-Why do you think Jesus didn't go immediately to help Lazarus?**

**III-Have you ever attended a funeral where there was no sense of eternal life, as in verses 25-26? What difference does this hope make for you?**

**IV- How does Jesus' response to Lazarus' death and Mary's weeping (V.35)? How does Jesus' response to the people around Lazarus?**

**V- Why did Jesus raise Lazarus from the dead?**

**Application: for deeper thought**

- 1- If you compared your spiritual life to Lazarus, where would you be?**
  
- 2- If you had been there and saw Jesus crying, how would you have felt?**
  
- 3- How does this story bring hope to your grief and loss?**
  
- 4- What word of hope or encouragement would you like to share with your group?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #18

**Read: John 20:10-31**

### **Introduction:**

Easter Sunday is the most triumphant day in the calendar of the Christian church. The celebration of Easter actually began with the early Jewish Christians who continued to celebrate the Passover, regarding Christ as the true Lamb. The event naturally passed over into a commemoration of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

It is good to discuss about Jesus' resurrection because it brings life, joy and hope to our life.

Though the other Gospels record that a few women went to the tomb early Easter morning, John's focus is only on Mary Magdalene. One of the several women who traveled with Jesus and the disciples, Mary at some point had seven demons cast out of her.

**I- What do you think motivated Mary Magdalene to come to the tomb? V.11**

**a- What word would you use to describe Mary's behavior until Jesus appeared to her?**

**b- How did Jesus respond to Mary? V. 13-17**

**II- Why are the disciples fearful now? V. 19**

**a- How were Jesus' appearances confirmed?**

- **To Disciples? V. 19-23**
- **To Thomas V. 26-29**

**b- What is the author's purpose for writing this gospel? V.30-31**

### **Application: For deeper thought**

**1- How did your first confession of Christ's lordship sound?**

**2- What doubts or questions about God are you struggling with?**

**3- Have you received the Holy Spirit? How has it changed you?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #19

**Read: John 21: 1- 14/ Luke 5:1-11**

**Introduction:** Everyone has a fish story to tell. The gospel has two one to call Christ's disciples, and one for their commencement exercises. Both stories begin with the fish that didn't get away and end with the catch of fishermen who didn't get away. The fish became the favorite symbol of the first church. It is much better to fish for men than to hunt for them. The hunter shoots to kill; the fisherman takes his game alive. It was upon the sea of Galilee that this appearance of Christ to his disciples, with the miracle which accompanied it, took place. There is a significance to be found in the words, "*Jesus appeared*" "*showed*", or manifested, "himself," from that time the disciples did not, as before, see Jesus, but Jesus appeared unto or was seen by them.. It is the same with angels and all heavenly manifestations: men do not see them, but they appear to men. In this story Peter and the other disciples went back to Peter's home territory of Galilee to relax and do some fishing and to go back to their old occupation and maybe to forget about Jesus. They knew Jesus the good and powerful man who can heal the sick, do miracles and deliver demons. But they did not know Jesus the creator, Son of God who has authority over death and bringing life to those who believe in Him.

**I- What has been your best fishing, hunting or camping?**

**II- What is your favorite food on a cookout?**

**III- Why did Jesus' disciples have difficulty recognizing him after the resurrection?  
V.4-6**

**IV- Why did Jesus provide a miraculous catch of fish and then make breakfast for the disciples? V.7-10**

**V- How does Jesus' preparation of breakfast relate to what he did for them in 13:1-17**

**Application: For deeper thought**

**1- How did your first confession of Christ's lordship sound?**

**2- What doubts or questions about Jesus Lordship are you struggling with?**

**3- When was the last time you received a bountiful blessing?**

**4- Did Jesus get your attention through this blessing?**

# **Miracles of the New Testament**

## **Lesson #20**

**Read: John 5:1-16**

### **Introduction:**

This story happened at a pool that evidently had a reputation for bringing healing to the first person to get in when its waters were stirred. A further healing miracle takes place on the Sabbath and immediately becomes the occasion of an extended dialogue between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem. Why the sick gathered there? That the Pool was fed by some natural spring which had spa-like healing properties is perfectly credible. The popular explanation invoked the visitation of an angel and the first into the water when it was disturbed by the spring would receive some physical benefit. What brought Jesus to the pool? Maybe the man is that his need was long-standing one. He had been paralyzed, or generally unable to walk, for no less than thirty-eight years. In a quite basic sense we all suffer to some degree from the hurts and errors of yesterday. In some people's experience, however, the shadow is particularly dark and overwhelming. Like this man by the pool they lie emotionally and relationally paralyzed. From this perspective Jesus' question, Do you want to get well? Jesus question needs to be faces by all who would be delivered. Are we ready for the implications, including possibly repenting of sin and expressing a new loyalty to Christ?.

**I- When you get sick, what are you like to do to make you heal or feel better?**

**II- How do you picture the setting of this story (V. 2-4)? What is the smell? The noises? The atmosphere?**

**III- How do you think this man felt after being an invalid for 38 years? V. 4-5**

**IV- What does Jesus mean by his question in verse 6 "Do you want to get well"?**

**V- What was the man really saying by his response to Jesus' question? V.7**

**VI- As the invalid, what would you feel in verses 8-13 when Jesus said to him "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk"?**

**VII- What did Jesus mean later when he said to the man: "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you"? V. 14-15**

### **Application: For deepest thought**

**1- In what ways do people today try to be healed without Christ?**

**2- How would you respond to someone who had said all sickness is a result of sin?**

**3- If Jesus were stop by the "watering hole" where you hang out, what would he probably ask you?**

**4- What is the closest Jesus has come to saying to you, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk"?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson # 21

### Read Mark Chapter 5 from verse 21 till verse 43

**Introduction:** These two miracles demonstrate the power of Jesus and death, and his response to simple faith. Jesus desires to perfect the woman's faith and to lead her to a public confession of faith. He rewards her testimony with the assurance that she can go in peace. Jesus had just agreed to go to the home of a man whose young daughter was dying. On the way he encounters a woman who most likely suffered from the steady menstrual bleeding. Her affliction was social as well as physical since, according to Old Testament ritual laws, both her and anyone touching her were unclean.

**I- What would you do if the phone rang, the doorbell chimed, your child crying and called for help, and the oven alarm went off, all at the same time?**

**II- Of all the people pressing for Jesus' attention, two get through to him in this story Jairus and the sick woman? Why?**

**III- In verses V.22,23, 24, 35,36 what request is made and how does Jesus respond to Jairus?**

**IV- What would you consider to be the worst of this woman's problems? V.25-26**

**V- What examples of faith and of unbelief do you find in these two incidents? What impressions do you get?**

**VI- Why was it so important to Jesus that the person who touched him be identified? V.30-34**

**VII- What is Jesus' reaction to the bad news that the child is dead? Jairus' reaction? V.35-36**

### Application: For deepest thought

**1- Jairus, the synagogue ruler, fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to heal his 12-year-old daughter. When was the last time you "fell at Jesus feet" and begged for help?**

**2- The woman with the bleeding problem spent all her money and a great deal of effort to find a solution for her suffering. How likely are you to try every other option before you take your problem to Jesus?**

**3- What obstacles do you (or did you) need to push through to bring yourself in contact with the healing power of Jesus?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #22

**Read Gospel Mark chapter 7 from verse 31 till verse 37 and chapter 8 from verse 22 till verse 26**

**Introduction:** These healing are unique in that it is accomplished in stages. After Jesus returned from His trip to Tyre and Sidon, (modern day Lebanon). great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the dumb..." but Mark goes into detail about the deaf and blind men in the gospels. The first they brought to him a man who was deaf and had an impediment in his speech, with the request that he would lay his hand on him". To make it sacred, and perhaps to save the man embarrassment, Jesus "took the man aside, away from the crowd..." It was a special mark of favor, and might a deaf appreciate an action that spoke so loudly of God loving care. The second one the blind man of Bethsaida had to have two treatments. Jesus "spat on his eyes, laid his hands upon him, and asked whether he could see anything. The man's sight began to come back, and said "I see men they look like trees but they are walking about". Jesus laid his hand on his eyes again; he looked hard, and now he was cured so that he saw everything clearly".

Many eyes see men as trees; faces never come in focus and reality is blurred. How many of us missing are missing half the view?

**I- If you were to become deaf, what sound would you miss hearing the most? Or if you lost your sight, what would you miss seeing the most?**

**II- Why does Jesus take the sick aside (outside the city) to heal them? for what reason does he isolate them? Mark 7:33; 8:23**

**III- What is Jesus' point in healing them in stages, not all at once?**

**IV- Why do you think Jesus used these methods to heal the man? 7:33; 8:23**

**V- How is the response of these gentiles (7: 37) like that of the Jews (Mark 1:27; 2:12) and the disciples (Mark 4:41)? And what is Mark's point in emphasizing this?**

**VI- Why Jesus does commanded people not to tell anyone about this miracle? 7 : 36 And why did Jesus tell the other one don't go into the village? 8:26**

**Application: for deepest thought**

**1- What can you do this week to show friendship to someone who is alone?**

**2- What would you like Jesus to help you hear or say?**

# **Miracles of the New Testament**

## **Lesson #23**

### **Read gospel of John chapter 9**

**Introduction:** John headlined a story about a man born blind who was healed during the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem. This man was a well known beggar in Jerusalem. Also John found it to be a perfect illustration of Jesus as the light of the world. The patient did not come to Jesus until after his recovery. Jesus had picked him up after His disciples had pointed him out with the question: Why was he born blind? This healing brought out the whole question of the origin of evil and the sin and it split the Pharisees (the religious people).

Jesus sealed the man's eyes with mud packs made of spittle and clay and prescribed, Go wash in the pool of Siloam. A trip to a pool seems irrelevant, but a patient ought to be asked to do something to demonstrate his trust and humility. After his believe and obedience the command of Jesus the man saw not only the light of day , but the light of the world.

In the end God will be gentle to the blind, and hardest on those who do not live up to the light they have.

**I- Describe an adventure you had with mud when you were a child?**

**II- What was behind the disciples's question, "who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? V.1**

**III- What does Jesus's answer? And how he viewed the man's affliction? V.3-5**

**IV- In this story what is the "work of God" V.3? The "night" that is coming v.4? the "light of the world"? V.5?**

**V- Why did Jesus spit and make mud in healing the man? V.6-12**

**VI- Why did some of the Pharisees take a stand against Jesus? V.13...**

**VII- How the man progressed in his understanding of Jesus: V.11,17,27,33,38**

**VI- How does this story illustrate Jesus' statement in verse 5: I am the light of the world"?**

### **Application: for deepest thought:**

- 1- How has your view of Jesus and your commitment to him progressed over time?**
- 2- Has your faith in Jesus led to your exclusion from any group?**
- 3- Have you ever been afraid of religious leaders? Why?**
- 4- How would you measure your spiritual vision now?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #24

**Read John chapter 4 from verse 43 till verse 54. Also Luke Chapter 7 verse 1 till verse 10**

Jesus Heals the Official's Son

### **Introduction**

The healing of the nobleman's son not only demonstrates Jesus' power to heal, but it underscores the principle that he did not regard signs and wonders as ends in themselves. Rather, they were at the very least intended to bring the recipients of the miracle to faith in Christ.

**I- Now that Jesus is home again, what motivates the people to welcome him?**

**II- How do you account for the contrast between the crowd's welcome (V.45) and Jesus's comments in verses 44 and 48?**

**III- How are the Galileans alike and unlike the Samaritans in verses 39-42?**

**IV- What motivates the royal official to travel so far?**

**V- How would you have responded to what Jesus told him to do?**

**VI- What does this miracle tell you about Jesus?**

### **Application: for deepest thought:**

**1- When you bring your problem to God (such as a sickness in the family), do you tend to accept his word or keep fretting and fussing?**

**2- When have you taken God at his word (even though the circumstances were seemingly impossible), and discovered that he did exactly what was promised?**

# **Miracles of the New Testament**

## **Lesson #25**

### **Read Acts 2:1-24, 36-41**

**Introduction:** Acts is unique book, one of the most important in the New Testament, for it is the only biblical record of the early days of Christianity. The opening phrase of Acts 2 “when the day of Pentecost came” introduces the event for which the small band of believers had waited, the promise Jesus had given to them just before His Ascension (1:8).

Pentecost means “fiftieth” it is the new testament name for “the feast of weeks” (Exodus 34:22-23, Leviticus 23:17-20, Numbers 28:27-30; Deuteronomy 16:9-10)

Pentecost is of the highest significance, it is the day on which the Spirit was poured out on the church (giving the Holy Spirit). Pouring out of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was the fulfillment of what his sacrifice had promised (John 14:16-20; 16:7).

**I- What would you say was the most impressive evidence of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost?**

**II- How does the Bible define the Person of the Holy Spirit in:**

**Matthew 28:19?**

**Acts 5: 3-4?**

**2Corinthians 3:18?**

**III- If you have been there that day, what would have been your strongest feeling afterward?**

**IV-What do the wind and fire, symbolic of the Holy Spirit, suggest to you most strongly?**

**V- V.37 says the men of Israel were “cut to the heart” with Peter’s message. Describe what you think this means?**

**VI- How would you define the word repent? For help with this use a dictionary, and refer to Acts 26:20 and Matthew 3:8**

**Application: for deepest thought:**

**1- How would you describe your experience with the Holy Spirit now?**

**2- From Peter’s message to the crowd, especially his conclusion (V. 36-39) how would you explain to someone what it means to become a Christian?**

## **Miracles of the New Testament**

### **Lesson #26**

Read Acts Chapter 1 and 2 to understand the background of this events and we will discuss together the following verses from verse 42 till 47

**Introduction:** Acts is unique book, one of the most important in the new Testament, for it is the only biblical record of the early days of Christianity. Pentecost means "fiftieth" it is the New Testament name for the "feast of weeks" in the Old Testament (Exodus 34:22-23, Leviticus 23:17-20, Numbers 28:26-30, Deuteronomy 16:9-10). Pentecost is the day on which the Holy Spirit (The third person God) was poured out on the people who had believed in Jesus death and resurrection and as a Savior from evil and sin. They were all together praying and waiting for Jesus' promise for The "HOLY SPIRIT" Acts1:8. Now in verse 42-47 as a result of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, the fellowship of believers described in this passage had grown by about 3,000.

- 1- Why do you think all these people got together everyday?**
  
- 2- What do you think the atmosphere was like when they got together?**
  
- 3- Try to list at least seven different attitudes that you identify in this group of new believers?**
  
- 4- What various actions characterized their lives at this time?**
  
- 5- How would you relate their attitudes and actions with the statement of Jesus recorded in Luke 6:44-45?**
  
- 6- What was the result of their changed lives in the community?**
  
- 7- Why do you think the Christian community today does not have the early church's depth of relationship?**

**Application: For deepest thought**

- 1- What aspect of the spiritual life and energy found in the early church do you most desire for yourself?**
  
- 2- How will this example in Acts affect the way you pray?**
  
- 3- How will this example affect how you get involved in your church or in the Nations Ministry?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #27

**Read: Acts chapter 3 from verse 1 till verse 16**

### **Introduction:**

The healing of the lame beggar is a vitally important episode in the life of the Christians because it demonstrates the amazing goodness of God in a new way and the significant authority in the name of Jesus and the power in Word and in Deed.

In the middle of the afternoon, the ninth hour after sunrise was about 3:00 p.m. Peter and John were in their way to the temple for prayers. At this early point in the history of the church, the Jewish Christians were still praying in the temple. They were about to enter the temple compound through the gate called "Beautiful".

A beggar, lame from birth, was being carried by his friends to the gate so he could beg from people as they went in and out of the temple.

This miserable beggar, probably in rags, perhaps covered with flies. Many a worshiper may have compassionately given him a few coins. Peter and John often have passed his way with little notice of this particular beggar. But on this day their eyes met. Peter noticed that he has no money and that this beggar has faith to be healed. Peter say, *Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk*" V.6. But the Peter took him by the hand and raised him up. He leaped; he walked.

**I- Why were Peter and John going to the temple to pray and not could stay at home and prayed?**

**II- How often had this beggar come to the gate of the temple?**

**III- Since Jesus often went to the temple, he must have seen this beggar many times. Why do you think this man had not been healed before, and what can you learn from this? Try to give several different thoughts?**

**IV- Describe the beggar's attitude towards John and Peter**

**V- What power did Peter use to heal this lame man?**

**VI- What kinds of healing took place in the beggar? And what was the lame man's reaction to the healing?**

**VII-How does this miracle relate to Acts 2:19 and 2:22?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #28

**Read from book of Acts chapter 4 verse 32 till 37 and chapter 5 verse 1 till 16**

### **Introduction:**

As the previous passages demonstrates, members of the early church cared for each other so much they even sold their possessions and brought the proceeds to the apostles for distribution to those in need. (Acts 2:42-47; 4:32-37).

**I- Were Ananias and Sapphira required to sell the land and lay all the money at the apostle's feet (see 4:32-37)**

**II- What was their sin? Where did Ananias and Sapphira go wrong? V. 2,3,4**

**III- What did Ananias and Sapphira have to gain by lying about the amount of money they gave?**

**IV- In Scripture the name of a person denotes his character. From the verses bellow, give some discriptural names for Satan and write a character description of him in your own words?**

**Matthew 4:3; 13:19,38,39**

**John 8:44; 12:31**

**2Corinthians 11:14**

**1Peter 5:8**

**Revelation 12:9-10**

**V- Why do you think God punished Ananias and Sapphira so severely? (For help with this, consider the reaction of those who heard about the discipline) V.11**

**VI- How would the incident lead to the response of people in verses 13-14?**

**VII- What kind of miracles were performed by the apostles here, and what were the results? V. 5,9, 15,16**

### **Application: for deepest thought**

**1- Have would you have felt if you were one of those who carried out and buried Ananias and Sapphira?**

**2- When have you tried to fool God? What happened?**

**3- How have you experienced the "fear of the Lord" How has that changed your life?**



## **Miracles of the New Testament**

### **Lesson #30**

**Read: Acts chapter 9 from verse 1 till verse 19**

**Introduction:** Saul and Paul obviously are the same person. Acts 13:9 “*Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit*”. He was named after the first king of Israel by his parents. Born in Tarsus, he had a strong religious background. As a religious leader (Zealous Pharisee), Saul became a vehement opponent of Christianity. But on his way to Damascus to arrest believers, Saul had a life-changing encounter with the risen Christ. The result was that he not only became a Christian himself, but eventually the renowned “Apostle Paul”. 13 of 27 books of the New Testament were authored by him, his literary and theological impact are overwhelming. More than anyone else he has influenced the theology and the evangelistic practices of the Christian church. This is the first of three accounts in Acts of Paul’s conversion to Christ (from Judaism to Christianity 22:6-21; 26:12-18). Paul earnestly believed he was doing the right thing defending his religion by persecuting the Christians. Saul was not just persecuting people; he was opposing Christ. (see Matthew 25:40,45). Paul’s dramatic conversion is considered by many to be one of the two great proofs of validity of the Christian religion, the other being the resurrection of Christ. These two key events are the footings of the book of Acts.

**I- Read Philippians 3:5-6, and explain Saul’s feelings about his Jewish heritage?**

**II- Read Acts 7:58; 8:1; 9:1-2; and Acts 26:9-11, and give a detailed account of Saul’s attitude toward Jesus Christ and those who believed in Him?**

**III- What is the new title given to the believers in Acts 9:2; Acts 19:9, 23 and Acts 24:14?**

**IV- What do you consider to be the most awesome thing about Saul’s experience with Christ? V. 3-9**

**V- What can you learn about the character of God from His conversation with Saul?**

**VI- List at least 5 different things about Ananias: V.10-14**

**VII- According to Acts 9:15-16; Romans 1:5 and Galatians 1:16 what was God’s ministry for Saul? And what would be involved in this ministry?**

**VII- What was the most significant thing that happened to Saul after Ananias prayed for him?**

**Applications: for deepest thought**

**1- How would you compare your conversion to Saul’s conversion? How did the Lord first get your attention?**

**2- Who has played the role of Ananias in your life? To whom might the Lord want you to play the part?**

**3- When have you, like Ananias, obeyed the Lord even when you had doubts? What happened?**

# **Miracles of the New Testament**

## **Lesson #31**

**Read: Acts Chapter 10 from verse 1 till verse 33**

**Introduction:** By far the most important episode on Peter's missionary journey was the conversion of Cornelius; and accepted Gentiles (nations other Jews) into the church (Believers of Christ). it is told in more detail and takes more space than other incident in acts.

Cornelius' conversion was preceded by Peter's obedience to the vision and instructions. One noon Peter decided to go up on the roof of his host's house for prayer and rest while a meal was being prepared downstairs. While waiting Peter saw the heavens open and something like huge sheet lowered from the sky. In it were all kinds of animals and birds, ritually clean and unclean according to Levitical law chapter 11. Then came a startling command from God. The voice in the vision said, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat" V.13. Peter refused on the basis of his obedience to the Old Testament laws. The Lord replied, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean" V.15. This happened 3 times. Peter was confused and torn because of his formal Jewish training and dietary restrictions. God had spoken to Peter and now Peter spoke to the Gentiles (Cornelius and his family and relatives). Peter's sermon was the first sermon ever preached to Gentiles (nations other Jews) and is probably one of the best examples to us today. God shows no partiality. Peter had heard those words many times but for the first time he began to understand them. God has His people in every race and nation. "Anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him" V.35. Peter admitted that he had learned much about the impartiality of God from his experience with Gentiles. all old testament prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus and every human being may receive forgiveness in His name. All Peter's doubts about the Gentiles' entrance into the church vanished. He therefore commanded that all who desired could be baptized and initiated into the fellowship of the church.

**I- How is Cornelius an illustration of a seeker of God described in Acts 10:1-2 and Hebrew 11:6**

**II- How did God reward Cornelius? V.3-5**

**III- a- Why do you think God gave Peter a vision of "unclean" animals instead of directly telling him what he wanted? V. 9-22**

**b- Read Leviticus 11:1-31 and explain why you think Peter refused to eat the animals (Look for more than a superficial answer).**

**IV- Knowing how difficult it was for Peter to associate with Gentiles, list three ways God directed Peter to go to Cornelius? V.15-22,28**

**V- Both Peter and Carnelius practiced hospitality. What basic attitude are evident in their hospitality? Which attitudes is personally most instructive to you? V.22-26**

**VI- Peter's sermon in verses 34-43 is extremely important since it is the first sermon in the bible preached exclusively to Gentiles. Therefore, least each of different points of the sermon giving its meaning?**

**application: For deepest thought**

- 1- If God gave you a vision or sent an angel to you with a message, would you have any hesitation to obey?**
- 2- How does God see you now?**
- 3- Who would it be harder for you to accept into your group or church?**
- 4- What kind of walls have you permitted between yourself and others?**
- 5- What does this story say to you about following Christ?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #32

**Read: Acts chapter 16 from verse 11 till verse 40**

### **Introduction:**

Two big events and miracles in this chapter. These events take place in the city of Philippi, a Roman colony, during the apostle Paul's second missionary trip. The apostle Paul's missionary travels brought him to Philippi. Paul's practice was first to preach at each city's synagogue (places for Jews to worship). But there were so few Jews in Philippi that there was no synagogue there. In such cities it was common for the Jews and those Gentiles interested in Judaism (worshippers of God, like Lydia in this story) to gather outdoors near running water. In this chapter we see Paul's sensitivity to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He perceived God's guidance in where to go, in how to develop a successful strategy in Philippi, in how to deal with Satanic opposition, in how to respond to suffering, and in how to protect the believers he left behind.

**I- Which of the following words best describes your impression of Lydia? and which of the following do you find most impressive about her? V.13-15**

- a- Persuasive      b- hospitable      c- Spiritual      d- impulsive  
e- trusting      f- naive      g- friendly      h- industrious  
l- Businesswoman      m - Her heart was receptive to the gospel      n - willing to open her home to strangers  
p- She convinced her household to be baptized

**II-What two things enabled Lydia to listen to Paul? V.14**

**III- What caused the slave girl's owners to seize Paul and Silas and bring charges against them?**

**IV\_ What caused the jailer to want to be saved?**

**V- How does Paul tell the jailer he can be saved? And what did the jailer's household have to do in order to be saved?**

### **Application: for deepest thought**

- 1- Lydia's place of prayer was by the river. What is your favorite place to meet God?**
- 2- What does this story say to you about dealing with hard times? How hard is it for you to pray and be thankful in the midst of chaotic or difficult experiences?**
- 3- If someone asked you, "what must I do to be saved?" how would you answer?**
- 4- In what way do the actions of the Philippian jailer speak to you personally?**

## **Miracles of the New Testament**

### **Lesson #33**

**Read Jonah chapter 4 from 1 till 11**

#### **Introduction:**

Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, the ruthless which threatened and conquered Israel. Chapter one: When God called Jonah (a Jewish prophet) to go to Nineveh and preach the gospel. Jonah fled the other way to Tarshish 2000 miles in the opposite direction of Nineveh. Jonah felt overwhelmed, afraid, confused, and enraged, when a storm came up, Jonah told the sailors to throw him overboard, then was swallowed by a great fish (a whale).

Chapter two: From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the Lord his God. He said: “ In my distress I called to the Lord and he answered me” And the Lord commended the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. So God saved Jonah.

In Chapter 3:1-3 Then the word of god Came to Jonah a second time” Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you” This time, Jonah obeyed the Lord and went to Nineveh... the whole city came to the Lord and turned from their evil ways. In chapter 4:1 Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry at God’s compassion:

**I- How do you usually express anger?**

**II- What was the reason for Jonah’s anger and depressed?**

**III- Why did Jonah ask the Lord to take his life?**

**IV-How did God deal with Jonah?**

**V- What three things does God provide Jonah? Why?**

**IV- What was Jonah’s biggest problem?**

#### **Application: for deepest thought**

**1- When have you tried limiting God’s mercy to others? to yourself?**

**2- How has God challenged you in your study to Jonah?**

**3- How willing are you to go to others with a message of love and inviting them to the your home?**

**4- Who are the “Ninevetes” to whom God might be calling you to go?**

## **Miracles of the New Testament**

### **Lesson #34**

**Read Acts chapter 12 from verse 1 till verse 19**  
**Peter's miraculous escape from prison**

#### **Introduction:**

In V.1 Persecution of the first Christians now resumes- at the hands of the Roman representative king, Herod Agrippa I (nephew of Herod Antipas, who questioned Jesus before his death). This man had suffered and an untimely and humiliating death. Here Luke may be showing a connection between the death of Herod and his persecution of Christians.

Unceasing prayer is a key to deliverance. The Herods symbolize Satan's relentless attack on the church. Herod the great had sought to kill Jesus; his son slew John the Baptist; his grandson beheaded James and now was hiding Peter in prison for execution after Passover.

While Peter suffered in chains, the church suffered with him on their knees. Hour after hour they wrestled in prayer and when they had done all they could do, God began. Suddenly an angel anesthetized the 16 guards and remove Peter's chains. An iron gate opened by itself; an earnest, unceasing prayers brought deliverance. Even those who pray sometimes fail to see or believe the speed with which God works when they pray.

In V. 2 "James" was the first of the 12 apostles to be martyred.

In V.3 "Days of Unleavened Bread" was a part of the Passover festival in the spring (see v.4 and Lev. 23:4-8)

In V.4 Four squads was sixteen soldiers

In V. 17 "James" was the Lord's brother (see Mark 6:3) who became the leader of the Jerusalem church (15:13; 21:18) and who wrote the letter of James. Paul refers to him as one of the pillars of the church (Gal. 2:9).

**I- If one of the people in your group were put to death and another were thrown into jail, what would that do to your group?**

**II- Why would his choice to arrest Peter please the Jewish leaders? V.2-4 and Why do you think Herod, as a Roman official, would now join in the Jewish opposition to the church?**

**III- This Herod is the nephew of the Herod who ruled in Jesus' day. What do you learn about the character in verses 20-23? And why do you suppose Herod wanted to kill Peter?**

**IV- Putting yourself in the place of the soldiers (V.18) what would you say to each other in the morning?**

**V- If the Christians were asking God to deliver Peter from jail, why were they so surprised when he showed up at the door?**

**VI- If you had been present at this prayer meeting, what would this miracle have done for you?**

**Application: for deepest thought**

- 1- Where do you find yourself in prison, so to speak, right now?**
- 2- What would most help you to find freedom from this?**
- 3- What does this tell you about how Christians ought to deal with opposition and persecution?**

# Miracles of the New Testament

## Lesson #35

### **looking into the scripture/**

**Read** Matthew 14:22-33 and John 6:14-21 and discuss

### **Introduction:**

The lesson of this passage is abundantly clear. After feeding the multitude Jesus sent his disciples away. John tells us that after the feeding of the multitude, the crowd wished to come and to make him a king by force (John6:15). It was a dangerous situation, and the disciples might well have complicated it, for they, too, were still thinking of Jesus in terms of earthly power. Jesus sent away his disciples because a situation had arisen, with which he could best deal alone, and in which he did not wish them to become involved and which he wants them to know who he is? He revealed himself to his disciples as God who has authority over the nature.

**I- What natural disaster you most fear? Hurricanes? High places? Darkness? Water? Sea? Earthquakes? Avalanches? Tornados? Volcanos? Flooding?**

**II- Why did Jesus send the disciples out onto the water without him and wanted to pray alone?**

**III- If you had been in the boat with the disciples when they saw someone walking on the water, what would you have said? V.25-26**

**IV- After Jesus encourage them in V. 27. What do Peter's actions reveal about his personality? What is Peter's reaction to this remarkable event? V.28**

**V- Why do you think Peter asks Jesus to call to him? When Peter begin to sink? Why then and not earlier? V.29- 31**

**VI- How do you think Peter feels as he and Jesus climb back into the boat?**

**VII- What do the disciples conclude about Jesus as a result of this experience? V.32-33**

### **Application: Deeper thinking**

**1- Has Jesus ever frightened you? How?**

**2- What is the nature of the storm you fear most right now?**

**3- Where is your life do you need Jesus to say "it is I, don't be afraid"?**

**4- If you had been Peter, how would you have responded if Jesus invited you to "Come"?**

**5- When it comes to risking, how would you describe yourself?**

