

The Miracle or the Message - Week 6

Mark 1:23–24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!”

Mark 1:27–28 “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.”

Jesus performed miracles, but His primary mission was always the message.

The miracles validated who He was.

The message revealed why He came.

1. The Demons Recognized Jesus

- The demons immediately knew who Jesus was.
- They recognized His authority before many people did.
- They understood His power because they had already seen it in Heaven

2. Why Did the Demons Know Him?

Revelation 12 Connection

- Many believe demons are fallen angels who rebelled with Satan.
- If they were once in Heaven, they already knew Jesus.

Colossians 1:15–16 “For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth...”

- Jesus created all things.
- He existed before creation.
- He rules with supreme authority.

Revelation 19:16 “King of Kings and Lord of Lords”

3. The Demons Knew His Authority

The demon asked: “Have you come to destroy us?”

- Not just “me” — but “us.”
- They already knew what happened when they rebelled.
- They had already experienced defeat once before.

Luke 10:17–18 “Even the demons submit to us in your name.”

The enemy knows the authority of Jesus even when people doubt it.

4. Why Did Jesus Silence the Demons?

Jesus repeatedly told people and demons to remain silent.

Why?

People Misunderstood the Messiah

- Many Jews expected a political or military leader.
- Jesus came first to bring salvation, not political revolution.

Jesus Was Following God’s Timing

- “My time has not yet come.”
- Jesus moved according to divine timing, not public pressure.

The Resurrection Was the Full Revelation

- His identity would only fully make sense through the cross and resurrection.

Demons Are Associated With Lies

- Jesus did not need validation from darkness.
- He did not want confusion about His mission.

5. Jesus Prioritized the Message Over the Miracles

Mark 1:38 “Let us go somewhere else... so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

This is the turning point.

- People wanted miracles.
- Jesus emphasized preaching.
- The miracles pointed people to the message.

Jesus did not come simply to amaze people.

He came to transform people.

6. The Miracles Validated the Message

The Healing of the Leper — Mark 1:40–45

- Jesus healed the man with compassion.
- Then He told him not to spread the news.
- But the man told everyone anyway.

Result:

- Crowds focused on the miracles.
- Jesus could no longer openly enter towns.

Important Truth: The miracles revealed His identity, but the message revealed His purpose.

So What Was the Message?

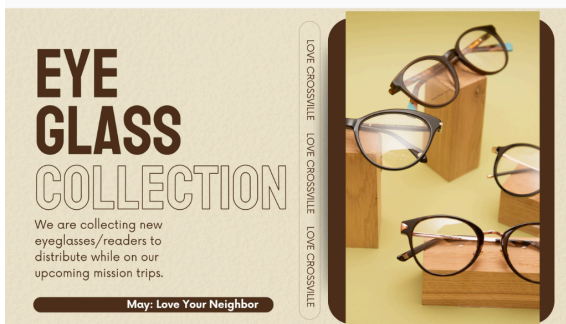
Mark 1:15 “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

The Message of Jesus:

- Repent
- Believe the Gospel
- The Kingdom of God is here
- Salvation is available
- Freedom is found in Him

The miracle was never the destination. The miracle was the sign pointing to the message.

And the message still matters today: Repent. Believe. Follow Jesus.



Coming up:

- Men's Fellowship Thursdays @ 6:30am
- Baptism Sunday 5/31
- Men's Softball League More info on the app
- CF Storehouse needs donations for the annual Cookout on 6/27 - check out the app to sign up!



Sign up on the CFLife App

- To Serve
- Submit prayer request
- Join a small group
- Register for a class
- Register for baptism



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