

Miracles and the Messiah

- Just finished a series we called Jesus in the OT where we talked about how Jesus fulfilled prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah. Showing that He is the Messiah.
- Two more prophecies that we didn't talk about say this:
 - Isaiah 35:5-6 says that Messiah would perform miracles.
 - Isaiah 9:6 indicates that Messiah would be God.
- Why would I bring that up?
- Over the next few weeks we're going to be in the Gospel of John.
- The Gospel of John was written by John, one of Jesus' disciples. He was in Jesus' inner circle, and throughout the Gospel he wrote when he refers to himself he calls himself the disciple whom Jesus loved. That's a whole other lesson in and of itself.
- When we study scripture we need to understand that every book every letter was written for a specific purpose, to specific people, at a specific time.
- John's purpose was to prove to his readers that Jesus was God, thus showing he fulfilled the Isaiah 9 prophecy.
- Read John 1:1
- There were two ways John showed this in his gospel.
- What do you think they are?
 - I am statements
 - And miracles
- Why do you think John would use miracles that Jesus did to prove that he was God?
- Let's take a few minutes to discuss the first miracle John records
- Read John 2:1-12

- Retell the story
- Great disaster and shame for them to run out of wine
- Weddings lasted for several days, usually about 7
- What would you think if you were at a party that ran out of food and drink in the first hour?
- This was a greater shame and scandal.
- Jesus mom was there, probably knew someone in the bridal party and may have been helping
- She compelled Jesus to help
- Would you respond to Jesus in the way he did? Woman why are you bothering me with this.
- What do you think Jesus meant when he said my time has not yet come?
 - His death-very focused on his death-You want me to do a miracle that would keep this couple from shame and bring them joy, but when I die for their sins I'll help them avert a greater shame and bring them a greater joy.
- Jesus has the servants fill these water jugs with water.
- If you were a servant how would you react? What would you think?
- They followed his instructions and the water was turned to wine
- They gave it to the banquet master and he said it was the best wine
- Do you think there's any significance in the wine Jesus made being the best? Why or why not?
- This is the first miracle John records. In fact it could have been his first public miracle based off of John's writings. Chapter two indicates the wedding is just a few days after he records Jesus called his first disciples.
- Why do you think Jesus chose this as his first miracle?

- Picture of what Jesus came to bring- Pull us from shame to joy.
- How does this miracle prove that Jesus is God?