



The Park Church: Corporate Bible Study

BIBLE JOURNEY: LIFE, MINISTRY & IDENTITY OF JESUS

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Review:

Looking Back Moving Forward

▶ **Nativity & Early Years**

- Looking at the early years of Jesus' life
- The 4 Gospels – foundations being laid

▶ **Baptism & Desert**

- How does the baptism of John compare to our practices today?

▶ **The Ministry of Jesus**

- What was the heart and center of Jesus' ministry?
- Looked at who Jesus wants to minister to and who he wants to reach through us

Mark 5 Overview

- ▶ Jesus restores a demon-possessed man
- ▶ Jesus cast out the demons into a herd of pigs
- ▶ The man was healed and told to share his testimony
- ▶ Jesus raises a dead girl (daughter of Jairus)
- ▶ On the way, Jesus heals a woman who had been bleeding for 12 years
- ▶ Jesus commands her faith and tells her to go in peace

Mark 6 Overview

- ▶ Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth
- ▶ Jesus says that a prophet is not without honor except in his own town
- ▶ He sends out the twelve disciples to preach, heal and cast out demons in his name
- ▶ He warns them of persecution and tells them to shake the dust from their feet...
- ▶ Jesus feeds five thousand people with five loaves of bread and two fish
- ▶ Jesus calms a storm while the disciples are amazed
- ▶ Jesus heals many people who touched his clothes

John 2 Overview

- ▶ Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana
- ▶ He cleanses the temple in Jerusalem...
 - ▶ “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”

John 20 Overview

- ▶ Jesus rises from the dead and appears to Mary Magdalene...
- ▶ He shows himself to disciples, who are hiding and in fear
- ▶ He breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit
- ▶ He appears to Thomas, who doubted his resurrection...
- ▶ He says, "Blessed be those who have not seen and yet have believed."



**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN AN
EYEWITNESS TO A MIRACLE OF
JESUS?**

Our Response to Miracles

- ▶ **Skepticism**
- ▶ **Curiosity**
- ▶ **Wonder**
- ▶ **Repentance**
- ▶ **Faith**

What's the Point?

- ▶ To give authority to his words and win people's hearts to follow him
- ▶ To show his compassion for those who were hurting and had no hope
- ▶ To reveal his close relationship with his Father and to glorify him
- ▶ To model to the future church what was possible

Miracles vs. Magic

- ▶ A miracle is a reality that transcends the natural laws
- ▶ A miracle is a testimony of God's glory
- ▶ A miracle is a matter of faith
- ▶ A magic trick is a manipulation of the natural laws
- ▶ A magic trick is a demonstration of human ability
- ▶ A magic trick is a matter of perception



Who is Jesus?

A legend, a myth or the Savior of the world...

Savior and YHWH

- ▶ YHWH (v.)= Hebrew word, meaning “to be” or “to exist”
- ▶ God told Moses he's YHWH
- ▶ YHWH was the name who Hebrews and Egyptians would come to know God – as the one true God!
- ▶ The God who is existence itself!