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Overview:

John records exactly seven miracles of Jesus in his gospel, and each one serves a simple purpose - that we may believe in Jesus after hearing it.

Lessons:

1. Jesus Turns Water into Wine
2. Jesus Heals the Official's Son
3. Miracle at the Healing Pool
4. Jesus Feeds the Multitude
5. Jesus Walks on Water
6. Jesus Heals a Blind Man
7. Jesus Raises a Dead Man



JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

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TALKING POINTS

Jesus' first miracle shows us that he has come to offer a life freed from the old rules of religion.

- We must come to Jesus on _____. God isn't a cosmic _____ machine who gives us everything we want at the moment we want it. **John 2:1-10**
- Jesus will do more than we can _____. When Jesus filled those _____ with wine, he was shocking the world about his true mission. **John 10:10**
- Jesus was telling the world that he wants to do something _____ for you. He was revealing that the way to God goes _____ him and is by faith. **Romans 3:22**

DISCUSSION

1. What is the most miraculous or unexplainable thing you have ever witnessed?
2. Read John 2:1-10. Why do you think Jesus chose this as his first miracle?
3. How does Mary's approach to Jesus change at the beginning of this story? What does this teach us about how we should come to Jesus?
4. Read John 2:11. What is the glory of God? What does this miracle teach us about Jesus?
5. Read Romans 3:22. How can we be made right with God?
6. If you aren't experiencing the joyful Christian life, what steps can you take to find this joy?

JESUS HEALS THE OFFICIAL'S SON

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TALKING POINTS

Jesus invites us to bring our needs to him, knowing that he can do miracles whenever he chooses. His action tests the quality of our faith.

- Jesus can do miracles with only _____. He is God, and all of creation must _____ his commands. **John 4:46-47, 49-50, Genesis 1:3**
- Jesus does miracles for a _____. He used them not just to reveal _____ but to reveal what was going on in the people around him. **John 4:39-44**
- Jesus invites us to _____ for miracles. God still heals today, but we can't _____ on his purpose or timing. **John 4:47-53**

DISCUSSION

1. When you were a child, what was the most serious illness or injury you ever had?
2. Read John 4:46-48. How would you describe this man's interaction with Jesus? How does this compare or contrast with how you talk to Jesus?
3. In verse 48, what is the problem Jesus is challenging the crowds about? What is he trying to say to them?
4. In light of this miracle, what would you say to someone who prayed for healing and didn't receive it?
5. If you're still waiting for a miracle, how does this story encourage or challenge you?

NOTES



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MIRACLE AT THE HEALING POOL

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TALKING POINTS

In a world where everyone is for himself, some people never have a chance to find their miracle. But Jesus has the power to help the desperate ones.

- Desperate people seek out _____ cures. But _____ don't have the power to heal. **John 5:1-5**
- Jesus seeks out _____ people. He's not afraid to enter into suffering - even the most _____ pain. **John 5:3**
- Some people get comfortable with the _____ mindset. Healing is only available to people who _____ want it. **John 5:6-9**

DISCUSSION

1. What are some miracle cures people try to peddle in our culture? Have you fallen for any of them?
2. Share about a miracle you've prayed for and seen answered. Share about a miracle you've prayed for and are still waiting for it to happen.
3. Read John 5:5-6. Why do you think Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed?
4. Read John 5:8. How do you think you would've responded to Jesus' command to get up?
5. How does this miracle challenge you? How does it impact your view of God or of the miracle you're hoping for?

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JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE

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TALKING POINTS

It's tempting to seek the hand of God for what he can give us. But Jesus wants us to seek his face with a desire to truly know him.

- We all face situations where our _____ are not enough to meet the need. That's where faith _____. **John 6:2-9**
- Our expectations of Jesus can become an _____ to real faith. Jesus wants us to know him as he truly is, not as we _____ he was. **John 6:10-15**
- We all have a deeper _____ that reflects a spiritual reality. Jesus is the _____ of what we really need. **John 6:26-27, 30-35**

DISCUSSION

1. Share a time God provided for you in a miraculous way. How did that impact your faith?
2. What's the difference between seeking God's "hand" and seeking his "face"? Share an example in your own life.
3. When were your resources not enough to meet a need?
4. Read John 6:14-15. What did Jesus' disciples expect of him? What are your expectations?
5. "True faith means coming to Jesus on his terms, not ours." Explain this principle.
6. Explain the deeper meaning of this miracle. In your own words, what does it mean that Jesus is the bread of life?

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

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TALKING POINTS

You can't choose the timing or frequency of storms in your life. But you can choose to respond in faith to the God who rescues.

- _____ miracles were front and center in the Jewish faith. When Jesus walked on water he proved again that he's the God who _____.
Exodus 3:7-8, Joshua 3:7-15
- God is never surprised when _____ break out. He sees your struggle and he has the _____ to act when he wants.
John 6:16-17, Mark 6:48
- The name of Jesus brings peace or dread, depending on your _____. Your personal _____ makes all the difference.
John 6:19-20, Exodus 3:14

DISCUSSION

1. Read Psalm 77:19. Share a "miracle" story that your family will (or does) pass down for generations.
2. Share about a recent "storm" you've experienced. Whom did you turn to for help?
3. If God has the power to act, why does he sometimes wait? Make a list of reasons.
4. Read John 6:19-20 and John 18:4-6. Describe the different responses to the name of Jesus. Why the difference?
5. Read Proverbs 30:4. What does it mean to respond in faith to Jesus?

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN

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TALKING POINTS

God uses suffering to open our eyes to new insights, but only if we're willing to see life in a new light.

- Suffering opens our eyes to our own _____. This is the _____ point for every relationship with God. **John 9:6-7**
- Suffering opens our eyes to God's _____. It challenges us to let go of the _____ of control. **John 9:3**
- Suffering opens our eyes to God's _____. Jesus seeks out people in _____ and offers them new life. **John 9:35-38, John 8:12**

DISCUSSION

1. Share a time of suffering that changed your view of yourself. How did it change your view of God?
2. Read John 9:6-7. What do the actions of the blind man reveal about him? When faced with a trial, do you simply obey God? What does that look like?
3. Read John 9:2. Do you hear this sentiment today – bad things happen to people who are bad? Do you think it's true?
4. Read John 9:24-27. How has God shown his goodness to you? How can you use those insights to encourage others in their pursuit of God?

JESUS RAISES A DEAD MAN

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TALKING POINTS

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead to show that our fullest life can be found in him - whether he performs a miracle or not.

- When we need a _____, sometimes Jesus doesn't come. God is not _____ to answer our prayers on our timeline. **John 11:5-6**
- Our _____ right now feels real and urgent. But our greatest need is Jesus _____, not just a miracle. **John 11:25-26**
- Jesus is not a _____ deity. He weeps with us in our _____. **John 11:33-36**
- Jesus has absolute power over _____. Suffering is an _____ point into an eternity with him. **John 11:43-44**

LESSON #7 OF 7

DISCUSSION

1. Read John 11:21-27. What do you learn about Martha from the way she talks in these verses?
2. In John 11:25-26, what does it mean that Jesus is the resurrection and the life? What are some things people look to for "life" rather than Jesus?
3. Read John 11:32-26. How do these verses describe Jesus? Why do you think he was troubled and sorrowful?
4. Read John 11:43-44. This story focuses more on what led up to the miracle than on the miracle itself. Why do you think this is the case?
5. How has God shown his care for you during difficult times in your life?

