

MIRACLES RECORDED IN JOHN’S GOSPEL AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE / *John 2:11*

Jesus’ miracles were always performed to show his nature—his compassion and love for people. But more than that, they revealed his glory. They were his “credentials,” but they weren’t done for show. The miracles were performed to help people believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah. The miracles also reveal Jesus’ great power over the temporal world.

Passage	Key Verses	Significance
Jesus turns water into wine (2:1-11)	This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was Jesus’ first display of his glory. And his disciples believed in him.	Reveals Jesus’ power over creation.
Jesus heals an official’s son (4:46-54)	Then Jesus told him, “Go back home. Your son will live!” And the man believed Jesus’ word and started home. While he was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. He asked them when the boy had begun to feel better, and they replied, “Yesterday afternoon at one o’clock his fever suddenly disappeared!” Then the father realized it was the same time that Jesus had told him, “Your son will live.” And the officer and his entire household believed in Jesus.	Reveals that Jesus’ power is not limited by time or space.
Jesus heals a lame man (5:1-16)	Instantly, the man was healed! He rolled up the mat and began walking! . . . Then the man went to find the Jewish leaders and told them it was Jesus who had healed him.	Reveals Jesus’ power over disease and disability.
Jesus feeds over five thousand people (6:5-14)	Jesus soon saw a great crowd of people climbing the hill, looking for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Philip, where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. . . . “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?” . . . “Now gather the leftovers,” Jesus told his disciples, “so that nothing is wasted.” . . . There were only five barley loaves to start with, but twelve baskets were filled with the pieces of bread the people did not eat!	Reveals Jesus’ power to supply humanity.

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Passage

Jesus walks on the water (6:17-21)

Key Verses

Soon a gale swept down upon them as they rowed, and the sea grew very rough. They were three or four miles out when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, but he called out to them, "I am here! Don't be afraid." Then they were eager to let him in, and immediately the boat arrived at their destination!

Significance

Reveals Jesus' power over the forces of nature.

Jesus heals a man born blind (9:1-7)

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. "Teacher," his disciples asked him, "why was this man born blind? Was it a result of his own sins or those of his parents?" "It was not because of his sins or his parents' sins," Jesus answered. "He was born blind so the power of God could be seen in him. But while I am still here in the world, I am the light of the world."

Reveals Jesus' power over birth defects.

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead (11:1-44)

Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you will see God's glory if you believe?" So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me.

You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so they will believe you sent me." Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

Reveals Jesus' power over death.

Jesus gives the disciples a miraculous catch of fish (21:1-14)

At dawn the disciples saw Jesus standing on the beach, but they couldn't see who he was. He called out, "Friends, have you caught any fish?" "No," they replied.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" . . . This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

Reveals Jesus' power over circumstances.