

## Creation to Christ, Lesson 25: The Mission Begins

-Jesus began to call men to \_\_\_\_\_ him. Many of these men had heard him preaching, seen him perform miracles or knew Jesus personally before he asked them to help him.

-Jesus was going to teach them and then \_\_\_\_\_ them out to tell others about the good news of salvation.

-These men immediately left their \_\_\_\_\_, their income, their jobs, their family to follow Jesus! They left everything they knew...to join Jesus in the mission of fishing for men.

-Like John, Jesus began by telling the people that they needed to **repent**. They needed to **change their** \_\_\_\_\_ and **change their** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_.

-Jesus knew that the people would not be able to accept the good news that he came to bring if they didn't already believe the \_\_\_\_\_.

*Many in Jesus day, believed that they were fulfilling the demands of the law. They didn't realize yet that they broke many of God's holy standards (laws) in many ways, daily. Jesus had to regularly point out the many ways that the Jews broke God's laws. So that they could understand that they too are under the judgement of God.*

-Jesus began to \_\_\_\_\_ the sick, the blind, the lame, the demon possessed as a sign of his authority.

-Jesus had compassion on all these sick and suffering people. He knew that all of these sad and painful things were a result of man's \_\_\_\_\_ and disbelief in what God had said in the Garden.

-These signs and wonders showed that he had \_\_\_\_\_ over the curses of sin.

**They showed that since he could be trusted to heal the physical consequences of sin... then he could be trusted to remedy the spiritual consequences as well.**

### **These miracles showed that:**

-He was the \_\_\_\_\_ that John & the Prophets said he was (Isa 53:4)

-He was more \_\_\_\_\_ than any disease or force of nature or Satan.

-Israel needed to be healed from the \_\_\_\_\_ disease of all, sin.

-In the same way he had power over diseases, he also had power to heal sin.

Jesus miracles begin to gain momentum, \_\_\_\_\_ and meaning.

Jesus first miracle was turning water into wine (John 2:1-11) this showed he had some form of power over some elements and that he can **create something from something**.

*-This first miracle is a striking parallel to God's first plague in Egypt.*

*-It also foreshadows the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> bowls of wrath prophesied about in Revelation (16:3-4).*

Jesus then tells Nathanael that he saw what he was doing in a separate location (John 1:48), giving a glimpse that **he was omnipresent**.

Jesus reads the mind of the Samaritan woman (John 4:17-18) showing he had power over the human mind and intellect, giving a glimpse that **he was omniscient**.

Jesus began to heal many people of their diseases (blind people, invalids, lepers) (Matt 4:23-25) this showed that Jesus has **power over the human body...**

He cured illnesses (which were a curse of sin) and did many humanly impossible things. This showed his deity, the creator himself, **he was omnipotent**.

Jesus heals a boy in a completely different town (John 4:43-53), this showed that Jesus was **not bound by space or time** the way that we are. Showing he is totally free of natural laws; like God.

Jesus feeds the 5,000 men and their families by multiplying 5 loaves and 2 fish (John 6:1-15). Jesus showed that he **is the great provider .....the same God who rained manna down from heaven**. Again, he created something, from something.

Jesus walks on water (John 6:16-24), showing that **he was the God who's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the water in the beginning**.

Jesus calms a great storm on the sea (Mark 4:35-41) showing that he, as God only can, **controls the weather and the world climate**. This also was directly showing that he was the very IAM who opened the Red Sea!

Jesus heals the demon possessed and a man with thousands of demons (Mark 5:1-20), **Jesus showed that he had power over the spirit world**, evil spirits and even 1,000s of evil demons.

The demons begged not to be thrown into the Lake of Fire. The demons knew and announced **that Jesus held the power to the final judgment and who would go to Hell and when**.

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11: 38-44), and **showed that he is the one in control of LIFE and DEATH**.

Jesus accurately prophecies the future that Judas will betray him and Peter will deny him (John 13:18-38), and predicts his own death and resurrection many times; showing that **Jesus knows the future, is in the future, knows man's future acts and choices, only as God himself can know**.

Jesus meets with His Father (God) Elijah and Moses (Matt 17) showing that he is **over the past and eternity, he governs the dead, he is IAM, what he says is more important than Moses**.

Jesus is raised from the dead (John 20) showing that he is fully God, **fully brought about something from nothing, he is indestructible & all powerful!**