

sermon notes

SIMPLY JESUS

Part 3: Jesus Our Miracle Worker

“You’ll remember, friends, that when I first came to you, I didn’t try to impress you with polished speeches and the latest philosophy. I deliberately kept it plain and simple: first Jesus and who he is; then Jesus and what he did - - Jesus crucified.”

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 MSG

In the seven weeks leading to Easter, we’ll be discussing various attributes of God who became man and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the Apostle Paul, we’ll resolve to know nothing but Jesus – both who He is and what He did for us on the cross, for all eternity.

RUNNING ON EMPTY

“On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus’ mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus’ mother said to him, ‘They have no more wine.’”

John 2:1-3 NIV

We focus on _____ instead of faith.

“We live by faith, not by sight.”

2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

We take matters into _____.

“In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.”

Isaiah 30:15 NIV

We exaggerate the _____.

“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ.”

2 Corinthians 1:30 NIV

THE MIRACLE WORKER

1. *Do* _____.

“His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’”

John 2:5 NIV

“This plan of mine is not what you would work out, neither are my thoughts the same as yours! For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours, and my thoughts than yours.”

Isaiah 55:8-9 LB

2. *Focus on what God want to do* _____.

“Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.”

John 2:6 NIV

“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV

3. *Believe the* _____.

“Then he told them, ‘Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.’ They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew.”

John 2:8-9 NIV

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.’”

Mark 10:27

4. *Expect the _____* .

“Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”

John 2:10 NIV

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.”

Ephesians 3:20 NIV

Consider and Discuss

- [Read John 2:13] This is the first miracle Jesus ever performed. The setting of this situation is significant. They were in a situation where the expectations were high, but the joy was low. Describe an experience that you have had similar to this. You had very high hopes of what was to come, but your joy wasn't there. How did you get through that situation?
- Sometimes we tend to focus on the natural problem instead of the spiritual solution. In moments like these we need to remember to “live by faith and not by sight.” What are some practical steps we can take in our everyday lives to put this scripture into use?
- [Read Isaiah 30:15 & 2 Corinthians 1:20] When we are waiting on answers or a certain outcome, we tend to take matters into our own hands and/or exaggerate the negative. Have you done one or both of these things? What was the outcome? Now, name a time where you waited on the Lord for your answer. What was that outcome and what was the difference from before?
- [Read John 2:6] Jesus didn't just perform the miracle, but He taught a lesson as well. Oftentimes in the middle of our miracle there are lessons to be learned. Name one of the most significant lessons the Lord has ever taught you. Was this an easy lesson to learn? How are you applying that lesson today?
- Through our lessons and miracles, Jesus challenges us to expect the best. The answers we receive may not be what we were hoping for, but we know that the Lord is always on our side. During these seasons is it easy for you to remember this promise? Have you been able to see the Lord working on your behalf? How has that encouraged you in your day-to-day life?

