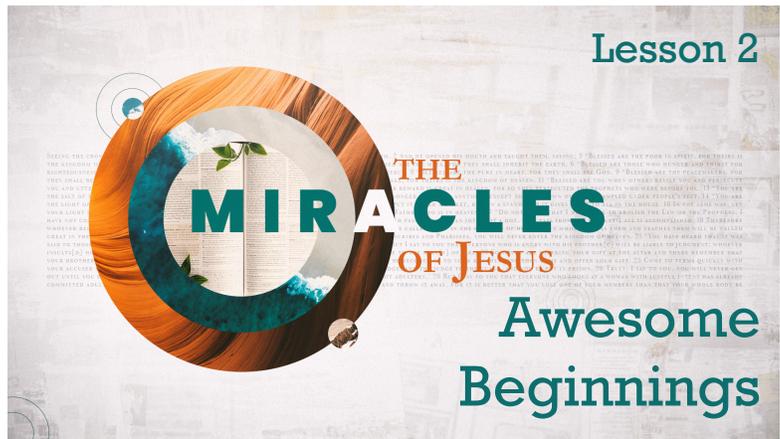


In our first lesson, we listened carefully to Peter and the rest of the apostles preach in **Acts 2:22**:

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man _____ to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know...”



We learned that to **“attest”** is to **prove** by **showing**. God proved that Jesus of Nazareth was the Anointed Son of God with a wide variety of mighty works, wonders, and signs. So how did it start? And what does the awesome beginning of Jesus’s amazing work among us reveal about his heart?

In **John 2**, we can read about **“the first of his _____”** that **“Jesus did at Cana in Galilee”** (2:11). Let’s read **John 2:1-10** together... Don’t miss what John tells us about the purpose of the miracle and the miracle’s effect on the people who witnessed it:

“This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and _____ his _____. And his disciples _____ in him.” (2:11)



Next, we travel with Jesus into Capernaum, **“and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching”** (Mark 1:21; cf. Luke 4:31-37). Notice what Mark tells us about the reaction of those who heard this common-looking son of a carpenter:

And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had _____, and not as the scribes. (1:22)

But did Jesus *really* have authority to teach like he did? If so, what kind of authority was it, and where did he get it? Let’s read what happened next in **Mark 1:23-25**... And don’t miss what Mark tells us about the miracle’s effect on the people who witnessed it:

And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He _____ even the unclean spirits, and they _____ him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. (1:27-28)

In fact, that evening at sundown, **“the whole city was gathered together at the door”** of the house of Simon and Andrew. **“And he _____ many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons”** (Mark 1:29, 32-34; cf. Matt 4:23-25).

Can we read one more awesome account together? **Luke 5:1-11** tells us about an occasion when the crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God... Pay special attention to Luke’s description of the miracle’s effect on Simon Peter, James, and John.

What does all of this reveal about Jesus and his heart? **Let’s talk about it...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

▸ In **John 2**...

- What do you think Jesus meant in **2:4** when he said to Mary his mother, “**Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come**”?
- In **2:11**, John describes what Jesus did as a “**sign.**” Why do you think he used that word to describe Jesus’s miracle?

▸ In **Mark 1**...

- Why do you think the unclean spirit said what he did in **1:24**?
- If Jesus had gone into the synagogue at Capernaum, started teaching, and didn’t heal that man with an unclean spirit, what probably would have happened?

▸ In **Luke 5**...

- Why do you think Simon Peter said what he said to Jesus in **5:8**?
 - What did Jesus mean in **5:10**?
 - Why would these fishermen leave everything that day and follow Jesus?
- What do the mighty works, wonders, and signs we’ve looked at together prove about King Jesus? What do they reveal to us about his heart?