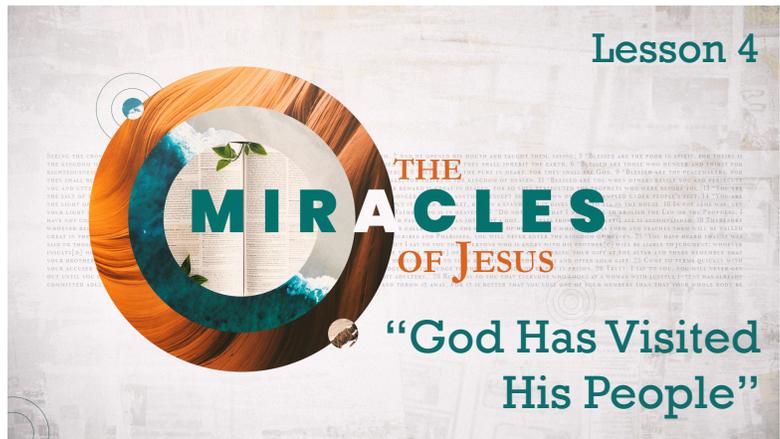


Our last study ended with an incredible claim. As Matthew told us about Jesus helping many who were oppressed by demons and healing all who were sick, he connected some remarkable dots: “This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah” (8:17). Fulfilling ancient prophecy? That’s amazing, but Luke 7-8 is going to take us even further.



Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had _____ was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a _____, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had _____ on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. (7:11-15)

Don’t miss the reaction of the people who witnessed this miracle (7:16-17), and don’t quickly overlook how the eyewitness accounts could even help John the Baptist, who was in prison (7:18-20), maintain faith in Jesus as the one Israel had been waiting for.

In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered them, “Go and _____ John what you have _____ and _____: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them” (7:21-22)

In Luke 8, we find one of the profoundly impressive moments of all in Jesus’s life:

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out, and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And he awoke and _____ the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your _____?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “_____ then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?” (8:22-25)



It’s one of the most important questions ever asked. “Who then is this?” What do these mighty works, wonders, and signs reveal about Jesus and his heart? **Let’s talk about it...**

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Why would it have been particularly devastating in the ancient world for a widow to have lost her only son (Luke 7:12)?
- What stands out to you about what Luke documents for us in 7:13?
- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus's power and authority?
- What does this miracle reveal about Jesus's heart for people?
- According to Luke 3:19-20, how had John the Baptist ended up in prison?
- Now, in Luke 7:18-19, what does it sound like is going through John's mind? Why might that be?
- And how did Jesus respond to John's question in 7:21-23. What do you think he meant?
- What does the miracle in 8:22-25 reveal about Jesus's power and authority?
- What does it reveal about Jesus's heart for people?