

**Life of Jesus**  
**Miracles of Jesus**  
**Matthew 3:1-4:11, Mark 1 and Luke 3:1-4:13**

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- A sign-sender
- A sign-reader
- Action: there is supposed to be an ACTION taken because of the communication on the sign.



**1. First Miracles**

- Private: Water to Wine in Cana of Galilee  
Not Canaan  
After John/Temptation/ first 5 followers  
Mary asks for it.  
John says it was the first sign: for the disciples who had already repented and believed John's message
- Public: in Jerusalem at Passover  
Cleanses the Temple: serving warning that they had better clean up their practices displeasing to God  
Nicodemus comes at night and confirms that they know Jesus is from God because of the signs He has been doing: God has been saying: "Messiah is here!"



**2. Return to Galilee**

- Cana: Nobleman's Son sick in Capernaum (20 miles away)
- Nazareth: Reads from Isaiah 61:1-2 His WORDS say the Scripture is fulfilled. They want him to prove it and do miracles.  
Geographically where Elijah/Elisha had their ministries  
Where Jesus had grown up (He had never given evidence before) They wouldn't have predicted it was him or "seen it coming"  
Reads from Isaiah and says it is fulfilled. His purpose is to preach and teach and do works of compassion.  
They want miracles for Jesus to prove it, because they are filled with unbelief  
He quotes from past about Widow and Naaman  
They try to push him off cliff
- Jesus moves to Capernaum for next 1-1/2 to 2 years. It fulfills Isaiah 9 prophecy.

### 3. Jesus Teaches through the Miracles

Miracle	Teaching	Who is it for?	Action
Demoniac Cast out of Man in Synagogue	Jesus has authority over Satan, and has come to take his territory and cast him out. "Messiah is Here!"	The man and the leaders in the synagogue and the people.	Worship and bow down to the Messiah in humility and thankfulness.
Leper along the roadside is cleansed	Jesus can cleanse the defiled. "Messiah is Here!"	The leper and also He sent the man as a SIGN to the priests.	Worship and bow down to the Messiah in humility and thankfulness.
The paralytic is brought by his four friends as Jesus is teaching	"I forgive sins." Only God can forgive sins. "I am God." (Jesus = GOD saves.) "Messiah is here!"	The paralytic and those watching that He has authority to forgive sins because of who He is.	Worship and bow down to the Messiah in humility and thankfulness.

### 4. Ignoring the Signs/Reading the Signs

- Woes!

Chorazin, Bethsaida, Capernaum are singled out: Most SIGNS.

Even heathen Gentiles would have been able to read the signs and TAKEN ACTION.

- Simple believing.

Those who were simple folks, they believed what they were told. They were convicted of sin, and repented and believed Jesus. GOD REVEALED to them what was going on. They could READ the signs! "Messiah is here!"

Thought of as uneducated and simple-minded. They lacked any sophistication and the learning of the scribes or careful religious ceremony of the Pharisees. They believed the MESSAGE. That's why they could read the SIGNS.

"If Jesus is not the Jewish Messiah,  
he is not the Christian Savior."

The Old Testament contained all the SIGNS, in written form, so that those who believed would be able to read them. There is only ONE MESSIAH, ONE SAVIOR of the world, both for Jews and Gentiles."

The miracles were God's authentication:  
"Jesus is the ONE,  
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#### Memory verse:

**John 3:2** "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

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