## **BLESSED HOPE BIBLE CHURCH**

Learning of Christ, Loving in Christ, Leaning on Christ, Living for Christ, Leading to Christ Based on the Word of God

# THE OIRACLES OF JESUS



#### **Misunderstandings About Jesus**

The Feeding of the Four Thousand Matthew 15:29—6:12

#### Introduction Jesus' Miracles tell us something about Him

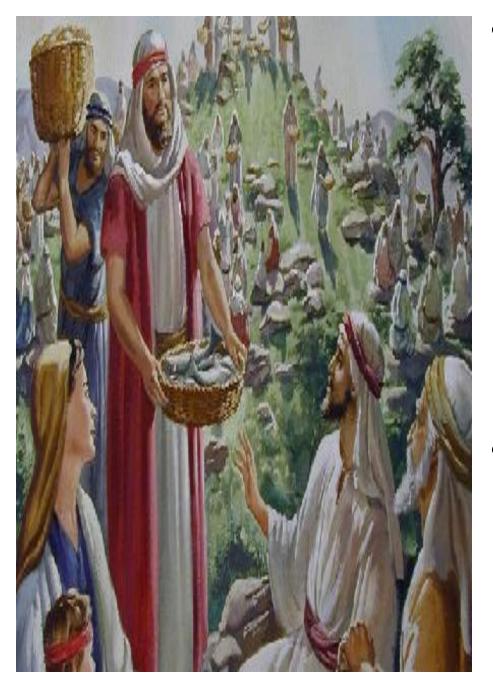
**Jesus' Miracles** 

The Gospels record more than 40 stories involving Jesus performing miracles



Source: The NIV Quickview Bible - www.thequickviewbible.com

- He has authority and power...
  - To forgive sins
  - Over diseases and disabilities
  - Over nature itself
  - Over demonic forces
  - Over death itself
- He has authority and power to heal at His discretion (He is under no obligation to heal anybody)



- Although many people witnessed the miracles of Jesus, they did not believe in Him because they either misunderstood Him or had a preconceived idea about Him.
- The feeding of the 4000 sets the stage for a person's true consideration about Jesus



"Arise"-And the dead man sat up and began to speak



" If I touch even his garments, I will be made well

"Because of your faith , you will be healed "

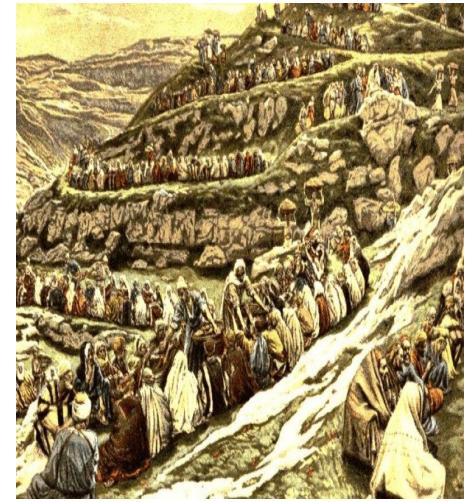


' Truly you are the Son of God

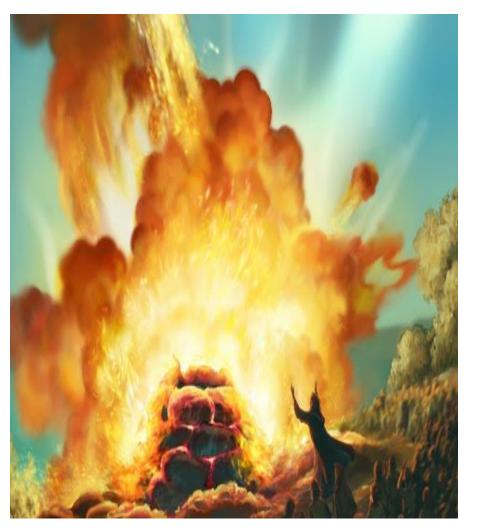
- Lesson: Even after hearing about Jesus, many people maintain a confused misunderstanding about Him.
- From the events surrounding the miracle of the feed of the 4000, we will observe three causes for confused misunderstanding about Jesus in the minds of many

### Cause #1: Failure to Recognize the <u>Power</u> of Jesus

- **CONTEXT:** Jesus wants to feed the crowd before sending them home (Matt.15:29-39)
- **CONCERN:** The disciples argued that feeding this great crowd was impossible.
- CONCEPT: Many misunderstand Jesus because all they see is a human Jesus!!



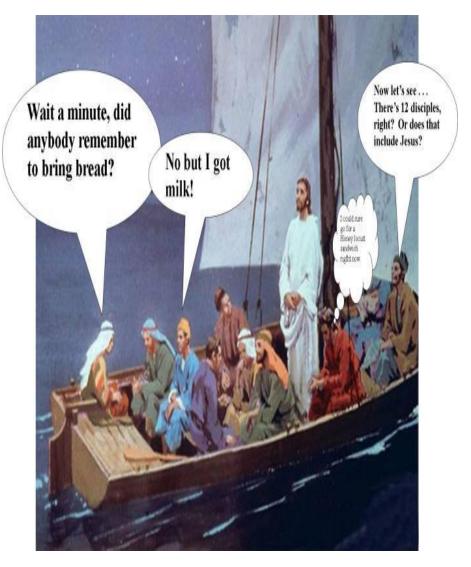
#### Cause #2: Failure to Recognize the <u>Person</u> of Jesus



- **CONTEXT:** The Pharisees and Sadducees demanded a supernatural "sign" from Jesus to verify His credibility. Matt.16:1-4
- **CONCERN:** The Pharisees and Sadducees either saw the miracles of Jesus personally, or heard about them from credible eyewitnesses.
- **CONCEPT:** Many misunderstand Jesus because they have made up their mind already that He is either a liar, lunatic, or legend.

### Cause #3: Failure to Recognize the <u>Principles</u> of Jesus

- **CONTEXT:** The disciples realized that they forgot to take some bread on their journey. Matt.16:5-12
- **CONCERN**: The disciples were so concerned about personal physical needs that they missed the spiritual teaching of Jesus.
- **CONCEPT:** Many misunderstand Jesus because their focus is on their physical need.



## A Challenge for You

- Do you have a right understanding about Jesus?
  - Is Jesus nothing more than a human Jesus who has no power to perform great things?
  - Do you have pre-conceive ideas about Jesus, regardless of what the Gospels tell you?
  - Is your concern about your physical need more important than what Jesus has to say?

#### RECEIVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOUR TODAY!!



- Acknowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, <u>died</u> on the cross for your sin, and that He <u>arose</u> again from the dead on the third day.
- 2. Admit that you are a sinner, guilty of sin and responsible and accountable to a holy God for your sin, and that you are under His just condemnation and eternal punishment for your sin.
- **3. Accept** the Lord Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour by **receiving** His provision of salvation through your faith in Him alone.