

Sermon Discussion Guide

March 15 & 16, 2025 "Did Jesus Really Do Miracles & Do They Still Happen Today?"

Mark 4:35-41

"The Jesus Who's More Than We Think" is a six-week sermon series exploring the true identity of Jesus beyond cultural assumptions and watered-down beliefs. This series invites you to rediscover Jesus in his fullness and experience the transformation that comes from knowing him as he truly is.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on hopeonline.tv. Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read Mark 5:25-34 - "Jesus Raises a Dead Girl and Heals a Sick Woman"

- When have you felt like the woman in this story—desperate for healing, hope, or relief? What emotions do you think she experienced after suffering for 12 years? What does her story teach us about turning to Jesus in our moments of desperation?
- The woman believed that just touching Jesus' robe would be enough to heal her. How does this demonstrate faith in action?
- Jesus tells her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well." Why is it significant that he calls her "daughter"?
- Many people today doubt miracles still happen. How does this passage challenge that perspective? Have you ever experienced or witnessed something you'd call miraculous? What might it look like to trust Jesus with an "if only" request in your life?

Read Mark 4:35-41 - "Jesus Calms the Storm"

- Why do we often struggle to trust God when life feels chaotic? When have you experienced fear and wondered if Jesus cared?
- Jesus was sleeping during the storm while the disciples panicked. How can we grow in our trust that Jesus is in control?
- How does fear hinder faith? How does faith impact the way we navigate life's storms?
- The disciples were amazed that the wind and waves obeyed Jesus. How does knowing Jesus is Lord over creation impact our lives?

Read John 11:17-44 - "Jesus Comforts the Sisters of Lazarus"

- How does Jesus respond to Martha's grief, and what can we learn from it?
- Jesus declares, "I am the resurrection and the life." What does this mean for those who believe in him?
- When Jesus told Lazarus to come out, he demonstrated power over death. How does this miracle foreshadow the resurrection?
- The miracle of Lazarus' resurrection was temporary—he would eventually die again. Why is the greater miracle the gift of eternal life? How can we focus on the greater gift lesus offers rather than temporary relief?

Read Matthew 7:7-11 - "Ask, Seek, Knock"

- Jesus invites us to ask, seek, and knock. Why do you think people hesitate to bring their needs to God?
- Jesus compares God's generosity to that of a good parent. How does this image shape our understanding of God's love?
- Sometimes God's answers don't come in the way or timing we expect. How should we respond when our prayers seem unanswered?
- This passage promises that God gives good gifts to those who ask. How do we define "good" compared to how God defines it? Have you ever received an answer to prayer that turned out to be better than what you originally asked for? How can we better align our desires with God's will?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Reflect on your storms.** Identify a current struggle or challenge and bring it to Jesus in prayer every day this week. Trust that he hears you and is present even when you don't see immediate results.
- **Read a story.** Read one story of Jesus' miracles from the Gospels each day this week. Reflect on what it teaches you about his power, love, and presence in your life.
- Step out in faith. Take a bold step of faith by praying for a miracle—whether in your own life or someone else's. Ask, seek, and knock with confidence, trusting that God's answers will be according to his perfect wisdom and love.

