

MARVEL: THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

“Jesus Controls Sea Creatures”

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Introduction: On Sunday nights we are studying the miracles of Jesus. We have previously noticed some of His authority over nature. We have noticed the authority of Jesus over the winds and waves, the ability to walk on the water, and that He could multiply the loaves and the fishes. Tonight we will continue to build on that theme and recognize how He controls the creatures of the sea. We will consider three powerful stories: The fish with a coin in its mouth (**Matthew 17:24-27**), followed by two huge catches of fish (**Luke 5:4-11, John 21:1-11**). What happened then? And what does it mean now? Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. What Happened Then?

- A. The Coin & The Fish (**Matthew 17:24-27**)
Genesis 1, John 1, Matthew 4:13-15, Exodus 30:13-14
- B. The First BIG Catch of Fish (**Luke 5:4-11**)
Matthew 4:12-22, Mark 1:14-20, Luke 4:14-15, Matthew 4:19
- C. The Second BIG Catch of Fish (**John 21:1-11**)
Matthew 28, Mark 16, Luke 22, John 20

II. What Does It Mean Now?

- A. Learning About Priorities
Matthew 22:20-22, Matthew 6:33, Matthew 6:24
- B. Learning About Humbleness
Luke 5:3, Deuteronomy 8:16, II Chronicles 7:14, James 4:10
- C. Learning About Faithfulness
Luke 5:1-2, Luke 17:6, Romans 3:28, Romans 10:17
- D. Learning About Obedience
Luke 5:5, 8-9, I Samuel 15:22, Luke 11:28, Matthew 12:50, John 6:40, Romans 13:1-4, Ephesians 6:1, I John 2:3
- E. Learning About Discipleship
Matthew 4:19, Matthew 28:19-20, John 13:34-35, Acts 14:21-22
- E. Learning About Endurance
John 21:1-3, Galatians 6:1-2, Matthew 26:69-75, Mark 14:66-15:1, Luke 22:56-24:2, John 18:15-28

Conclusion: God will use us even when we fail. We cannot stay down. We have to get back up. The Lord may use stories, people, or real life situations to draw our attention back to Him. We may have seen it, done it, or read it 1000x, but it just takes that one time to make it click! Simon Peter just needed to be reminded of who he was and what he was supposed to be doing. Jesus attempts to wake him up in **John 21:15-17**. What is so significant about that conversation? What can we learn? If Jesus could control the creatures of the sea, don't you think He can control your life? If He could provide a shekel in the mouth of the fish, don't you think He can provide for you? If He could overwhelm the nets with fish, and the disciples with blessings, don't you think He's watching out for you? What have you learned? Will you trust in Jesus? Will you follow Him?