

Marvel

The Seven Miracles of Jesus in the Gospel of John

About the Series: Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles to authenticate and validate His message of truth. This series will look at the seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the gospel of John to give us a unique perspective of God's power and might, because what we believe about God directly affects how we live out the Christian life.

Part 5

The Power to Overcome

John 6:15-21 | Dr. Stephen G. Tan

DISCUSS

"Don't you know who I am?" is a phrase many of us use to make others recognize our power or respect our position. But there is only one person in the history of the world who could rightly use this phrase because of who He is, and that person is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, God Himself. How He viewed and displayed His power is very different from how the world does. In John 6:15-21 we can learn some of these biblical principles on power. Read and discuss.

Those with true powers do not need to prove it to others for self-glorification (v. 15)

- Why did the people want to make Jesus their king? How did Jesus' react to their intentions?
- How is Jesus very different from today's leaders? What situations do leaders exert their power for self-glorification instead of doing it for the sake of the people under them?
- How can you earn someone's respect, which cannot be demanded?

Perceived great human powers are quite limited when challenges arise (v. 16-18)

- What two descriptions did John give as the condition in which they got into the boat? How would these two conditions affect the situation of the disciples after they got on the boat?
- What happened in verse 18 that really challenged these experienced fishermen/disciples?
- Have you ever been afraid for your life or safety? How did the Lord Jesus calm your fear?

Because God is the great I am, His unlimited powers give us no reason to fear (v. 19-20)

- How did the disciples, who have witnessed Jesus perform miracles several times already, react when they saw someone walking on the water?
- What relieved them of their intense fear and powerlessness?
- What does Jesus' identity of being Him ("it is I") tell you of who He really is? What are the 7 I AMs of Jesus found also in the Gospel of John?

With God's almighty power we can overcome all of life's storms, struggles, and challenges (v. 21)

- What miracles happened once Jesus boarded the boat?
- When do you feel alone, struggling and in need of God's presence?
- How will you trust and depend on God the next time you go through struggles in life whether in family relationships, difficulties at work, issues with money and provisions, finding satisfaction and purpose in life?

REFLECT

Is there any specific fear in your life that you need to ask God to calm? Do you live a victorious life because you recognize the power of the Risen Savior in your life?

PRAY

Heavenly Father, thank You that with Your almighty power I can overcome all of life's storms, struggles, and challenges. And in You, there is no reason to fear because Your power is unlimited. May I learn to continue to depend on You to calm me down when I am crushed and afraid because of different circumstances in my life. May I live victoriously as I walk with You. In Jesus' precious name. Amen.