

Matthew 8; Luke 7:11–17

The Miraculous Power of Jesus Christ

One of the ways Jesus demonstrated His power was through miraculous healings, which included raising a widow’s son from the dead. This lesson is intended to strengthen your faith in Jesus Christ’s power to perform miracles in our day and in your life.

Miracles

A miracle is “an extraordinary event caused by the power of God. . . . Faith is necessary in order for miracles to be manifested” (Guide to the Scriptures, “[Miracle](#),” scriptures.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).

- What are some of your favorite miracles recorded in the scriptures? Why?

- What do you learn about Jesus Christ from these miracles?

During the Savior’s life, He performed many miracles. As you study some of these in this lesson and throughout the week, ponder how you would answer the following questions:

- What do you understand about miracles?
- What questions do you have about them?
- What miracle(s) do you hope God will perform in your life?

What do miracles teach us about Jesus Christ?

One scripture study skill that can help you come to know Jesus Christ better is to look beyond what He does and prayerfully ponder what His actions reveal about His character. As you read, consider asking questions such as “What do I learn about the Savior’s motives, priorities, and attributes from what He is doing and saying?”

Read [Luke 7:11–17](#), looking for details in the story that teach you about Jesus Christ. For example, pay attention to what [verse 13](#) helps you understand about why He performed this miracle. You may also want to watch the video “[Widow of Nain](#)” (2:22), available at [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](#), as you study this account.

Answer the following questions:

- What did you learn about the Savior’s motives, priorities, and attributes from what He did or said as He performed this miracle?

- How can what you learned help you right now in your life?

Jesus performed many miracles

1. Study the following miracles and share what you learned from each. Continue paying attention to what you learn about the Savior from these accounts.

[Matthew 8:1–4](#) ; [Mark 1:40–42](#) **Jesus heals a leper.** A leper would have been shunned from society because leprosy was a painful, contagious, and sometimes deadly disease. Most people would have avoided approaching or touching him.

[Matthew 8:5–8, 13](#) **Jesus heals a centurion’s servant.** A centurion was a commanding officer of about 100 men in the Roman military. Many Jews in Jesus’s day hated Roman soldiers because of religious differences and because they represented the nation that had conquered them.

[Mark 5:1–13, 18–20](#) **Jesus casts devils out of a man living among tombs.** A man lived among tombs, yelling and hurting himself. When the people in the area could not bind him with chains, they avoided him, leaving him isolated among the tombs.

2. Choose one of the three preceding accounts. Answer the following questions based on that account.

- What did you learn about the Savior’s motives, priorities, and attributes from what He did or said as He performed this miracle?

- How can what you learned help you right now in your life?

- What can you do when you feel the need for the Savior’s help?

Miracles in our day

Have you ever wondered if the Savior still performs miracles today? While many people have not experienced some of the dramatic miracles recorded in the scriptures, such as the parting of the Red Sea or the raising of the dead, it is important to remember that miracles still occur today. The Savior declared, “I am a God of miracles; and I will show unto the world that I am the same yesterday, today, and forever” ([2 Nephi 27:23](#)).

President Dallin H. Oaks of the First Presidency taught:

Many miracles happen every day in the work of our Church and in the lives of our members. Many of you have witnessed miracles, perhaps more than you realize. (Dallin H. Oaks, “[Miracles](#),” Ensign, June 2001, 6)

- What thoughts or questions do you have about this statement by President Oaks?

Answer the following questions:

- What are some miracles the Savior has performed as part of the Restoration and through the work of His Church?

- What miracles have you or your loved ones seen in your lives?

- What do these personal miracles reveal about Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ?
