

MAIN POINT

The most important thing about the miracles of Jesus are not the works themselves, but what they reveal about Him.

INTRODUCTION

What's the most memorable magic trick you've ever seen?

What are miracles? How are miracles different than magic?

Part of the reason Jesus was initially popular was because of His miraculous displays of power. Regardless of what people thought of Jesus's identity, they were interested in Him because He was a miracle-worker. But the miracles of Jesus were not meant to entertain or impress—rather, they reveal something about Him.

DISCUSSION

> **READ MARK 1:30-38; JOHN 10:37-38; AND JOHN 6:1-2,66-69.**

In Mark 1, give special attention to verses 35-38. What do these verses reveal about Jesus?

Why might it be surprising that Jesus chose to move on at this point rather than staying in the area longer?

What does verse 38 reveal about Jesus's purpose throughout His ministry?

Does it surprise you that Jesus would give priority to preaching over healing? Why or why not?

What implications does this have for where our focus should be in daily life?

According to John 10:37-38, what was the point of Jesus's miraculous works?

How did His works give credibility to His claim to be the Son of God?

How have you experienced works that gave further evidence in your life that Jesus is who He says?

What does John 6:2 reveal about the reason the people sought after Jesus?

How can we be guilty of this same thing today?

What reason did Peter give for continuing to follow Jesus after many turned away at the end of John 6?

What reason do you have to continue following Jesus when many others turn away?

How might our following of Jesus be affected negatively if we only follow Him as long as we see His miraculous works?

APPLICATION

Where are you asking God to move in miraculous ways in your life? How does this week's study encourage you to keep following Him whether you see Him move in power or not?