

## Expect A Miracle Part 4

All Of Nature Submits To Christ

*John 6:1-21*

*Memory Verses: John 6:14*

### MANUSCRIPT

#### Introduction (Me, We, & the Struggle)

So far we've seen Jesus's sovereignty over everything that can affect our bodies and spirits. Disease, disability, and even demons are no match compared to the overwhelming power of Christ. And not only does Christ have this power but as our father and friend, he is willing to use his power to work in and through us, conquering our sickness, affliction, and demons for his glory! As the leper said, if you are willing I know you can heal me. He is able and he is willing.

But, today we move into another category of miracles. Not only is he sovereign over our physical and spiritual health, but he is also sovereign over all of nature. When he speaks storms stand still, when he prays bread multiplies and water becomes wine, and when he walks water becomes solid ground. Yes, there are natural laws; gravity, inertia, force, thermodynamics, but all of them are at the will of Christ; they all submit to him. **Where it is impossible with men, it is more than possible with Christ.** That's what a miracle is!

Look with me at our main passage this morning in **John 6:1-21**. And so we say yes, we believe that Jesus has the sovereign power to do anything he wills, but how does that connect with us this morning when it comes to nature. How does the fact that Jesus can move mountains help me in my job, my marriage, my trials? It's simple isn't it? If Jesus can feed the masses from nothing, then he can surely make sure you are fed and clothed right? If Jesus can calm the storms then surely he can calm the storms in your marriage. If Jesus can walk on water and turn water to wine then surely he can fill you with living water this morning! The point this morning is this... **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**

#### Teaching (Expand on the Problem, God)

The first way that Jesus shows us his sovereignty over nature is... **Jesus Makes A Feast For Thousands From A Single Portion.** You are familiar with the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. We just read of it in **John 6:1-15**. You can also read it in **Matthew 14:13-21**, **Mark 6:30-44**, and **Luke 9:10-17**. Let's watch what it might have been like in this **clip**. There are a couple of things to point out. First, Jesus leaves the crowds to find a place to rest but they follow him and when he sees how many of them there are (most likely 10,000 or more), he then has

compassion on them. His compassion leads him to do three things. 1) heal the sick, 2) teach them about the kingdom of God, and 3) feed them actual food. When it comes to feeding them actual food though... there is none and so Jesus takes what little food they can find, five loaves of bread and two fish and prays over them and when he prays over them 5 loaves and 2 fish becomes enough to feed over 10,000 people to their full, so much so that they picked up 12 baskets of extras. Could you imagine being there. You are starving, but there is nothing to eat, and then the one who has been healing you and teaching you now turns some fish sandwiches into one of the largest feasts ever served. Is there nothing this man can't do?

Funny that you would ask that because just a couple chapters later in **Matthew 15:32-39** and **Mark 8:1-10** we see him do it again. Again Jesus has compassion on the people. Again the disciples are amazed at the power of Christ to bring food from nothing. Again the people see Jesus as the provider of all good things. Again Jesus breaks the natural order. **The law of the conservation of matter states that matter is never created or destroyed.** Here Jesus creates basket fulls of bread from crumbs and baskets full of fish from scraps. I guess some rules were meant to be broken. **Jesus breaks the natural law of the conservation of matter by creating matter from nothing**... showing us that all nature submits to Christ. Listen, if you're hungry, Jesus has got you. If you are weary, Jesus has got you. If you are in need, Jesus will provide for you! Just like the crowds, Jesus looks upon you with compassion and will do a miracle if you need him to. Keep your head up and keep your faith in Christ. **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**

The second way that Jesus shows us his sovereignty over nature is... **Jesus Makes Wine From Water.** We see this account, Jesus' very first miracle, in **John 2:1-12**. Let's watch what it might have actually been like in this **clip**. A couple of things to note here. Jesus' mother, Mary, goes to him in desperation, knowing that he has the power to do this miracle. Jesus responds, "what does this have to do with me," in order to test her faith. She doesn't budge. She says, do whatever he says. Sometimes we come to Jesus with a request for a miracle and Jesus responds with, do you really trust me? Are you willing to do what I say? **Perhaps we are missing out on miracles because we are unwilling to do what Jesus says?**

Also notice that the wine is the best wine? Well, Jesus made it, so duh! Which also begs the question... was this real wine? The answer is an unequivocal yes. The fact that he didn't save the worst wine for last is evidence of its alcoholic content. Which also begs the question... if Jesus was against alcohol why would he make some? The point is Jesus made it, he felt it was important to make it for the wedding, and it proved his power.

In the fictional world of Harry Potter wizards can wave their wands and change things into other things. In the books this is called

transfiguration. In the Old Testament Moses changed his staff into a serpent. The laws of physics says that this impossible. Matter can't be created out of thin air. Nothing can be made from nothing. Molecules that do not exist in water cannot be produced from water in order to make wine. So when Jesus turned water into wine he was either a wizard or he simply had the same power available to Moses; the power of God! As **verse 11** says, it manifested his glory and caused the disciples to believe in him.

It's interesting that while feeding thousands of people with scraps is a huge miracle that was needed, this one seems a little smaller and not really necessary! I think this goes to show us that Jesus cares about big things and small things. It also shows us another way in which Jesus is sovereign over nature. And it also helps us recognize that Jesus is able to go beyond our basic needs of food and water. He may even be able to provide our wants. He has come to give us life and give it to us more abundantly. **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**

The next way that Jesus shows us his sovereignty over nature is... **Jesus Makes Calm Seas From Storms**. In **Mark 4:35-41**, **Matthew 8:23-27**, and **Luke 8:22-25** we see the miracle of Jesus calming the storm. My favorite part of the story is that Jesus is asleep. The disciples are terrified but Jesus is snoring. This shows us that **if we could have the same perspective as Christ we would know that there is never anything to worry about**. We also see that Jesus rebukes the wind. Nature submits! Wind stops, waves stop, water stills, at the sound of his voice. Who is this that even the winds and sea obey him?

Practically speaking, there are real storms and there are metaphorical storms and we all go through more metaphorical storms than real ones. And regardless what your storm is, sickness, disability, demonic attack, marital, financial, work related, or something else... when you call out to him in faith Jesus says, "Peace, Be still!" **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**

The last way we will see Jesus displays his sovereignty over nature today is.... **Jesus Makes A Way To Walk On Water**. We've already seen this in **John 6:16-21** at the beginning of the service, but we can also see it in **Matthew 14:22-33**, and **Mark 6:45-52**. To get an idea of what it might have been like watch this [clip](#). Science tells us that we are too dense to walk on water. Because of the law of gravity, we will sink. Well don't tell Jesus these rules... cause he can walk on water. One of the greatest bragging rights in all the world is the 12 men who walked on the moon. You may be like, "I walked a 12 mile hike this morning." Buzz

Aldrin looks over at you like, "really? Well I walked on the moon?" You got nothing. But even more cool is that there are only 2 men who can say they've ever walked on water. Jesus calls Peter to walk on the water with him and as long as Peter keeps his eyes on Christ he doesn't sink. When he takes his eyes off of him he begins to sink. The lesson is clear. **Keep your eyes on Christ and he will keep you from drowning beneath the waves of doubt and fear in this life**. Again, **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**

### Application

How can there be any doubt in Christ? How can there be any fear in this world, when you know that your Lord is sovereign over it all. All of nature submits to Him! If he can make bread you will always have bread. If he can turn water to wine then you will always have living water. If he can calm the storms he can calm your storms. And if he can walk on water he can call you out upon the waves and keep you from drowning.

### Conclusion

Do you trust Jesus to keep this world from breaking you? You serve a God that is not bound by natural law; he is in fact supernatural. He is above the laws of this world because he created the laws of this world. And if needs be, he can change them for you! **John 6:14** says that when the people saw the signs of Christ they knew he was the messiah. Have you seen Jesus work supernaturally in your life and is that enough to cause you to put your trust in him to keep you from the troubles of this world? **Jesus breaks the natural order of this world to show you that this world can't break you!**