

Part 20: Message over Miracles

⁷ Jesus went out to the lake with his disciples, and a large crowd followed him. They came from all over Galilee, Judea, ⁸ Jerusalem, Idumea, from east of the Jordan River, and even from as far north as Tyre and Sidon. The **news about his miracles had spread** far and wide, and vast numbers of people came to see him.

⁹ Jesus instructed his disciples to have a **boat ready** so the crowd **would not crush him**.

¹⁰ He had healed many people that day, so all the **sick people eagerly pushed forward to touch him**. ¹¹ And whenever those possessed by evil spirits caught sight of him, the spirits would throw them to the ground in front of him **shrieking**, “You are the Son of God!” ¹² But Jesus sternly commanded the spirits **not to reveal** who he was. (Mark 3:7-12 NLT)

1. **Jesus actively tried to downplay his miracles in order to _____ his message of salvation.**

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost. (Luke 19:10 NLT)

2. **Jesus did not want his name lifted up by _____.**

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3. **Jesus does want his name lifted up by the _____.**

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.** (Romans 10:14-15 CSB)