

Start with Faith in God, Not Observation

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 - 1) Jesus calmed a storm; 2) Jesus healed a demoniac

Jesus Returns Home

- Jesus visited, but not for 'family' time but mission
- Jesus went to synagogue, invited to preach
- People astonished² & amazed but then offended³ by teaching

A Wrong Process for Thinking

- They knew where he's from; they knew his mother, siblings... therefore Jesus can't be who He claims to be!
- They were Naturalists - didn't start with God, but evidence
- like Thomas Paine: 'my mind is my own church'.
- Truth comes by starting with faith in God^{Gen1:1}
- Humans need more than reason & observation, we need to start with God's truth^{Gen1:28;2:16-17}
- Faith in God is the beginning of knowledge & wisdom

The Kingdom of God Rejected 4-5

- Their rejection of Jesus resulted in Jesus going elsewhere
- Where the kingdom of God is rejected it is inappropriate for King to share its life and joy (hence no miracles)

Lessons:

- Do you really believe God's Word - 2 Pet 1:3-11
- God has given you His Word – you have everything you need to live a life of godliness!
- Quite believing that you don't have enough!
- Remember: God didn't come to make your little kingdom better, He redeemed you to be part of His Kingdom!
- Unbeliever: trust Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world
- Believer: Realize you often have a battle of unbelief in your heart. Beware of looking at circumstances or others to be your savior – Let Jesus be your only Savior!

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