

# THE STORY

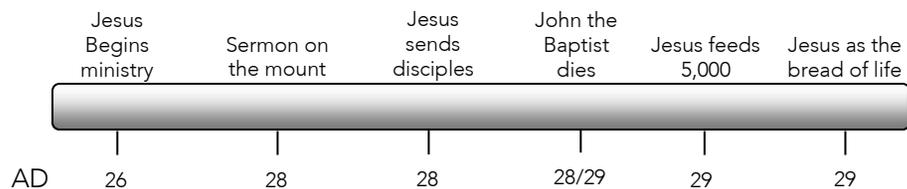
The Kingdom of God was Jesus' theme  
Mark 4:1-20

Three principles of the Kingdom of God:

1. The Kingdom is a great treasure  
Matthew 13:44-46
2. The Kingdom operates with energies we do not understand or control  
Mark 4:26-29
3. The Kingdom is a worry-free, anxiety-free realm  
Matthew 6:25-27; 33

Jesus' miracles demonstrate his royal authority and power  
Mark 4:35-5:11

Jesus introduces us to God who is King and who is "our Father"  
Matthew 6:9-15



## Questions for the Week

**Big Idea:** Jesus is no ordinary man.  
**Key Verse:** Matthew 14:33  
Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Why might Jesus have used parables as a way to teach people?

What is your favorite parable that Jesus taught? Why?

What can you learn from Jesus' parables that you can use in your own life?

Jesus taught his followers how to pray (Matthew 6:9-15). What themes does Jesus call us to include in our prayers and how can his words move us to a deeper place of prayer?

If you would have heard Jesus' sermon (Matthew 5-7), what do you think you would have done? Would you have followed him?

Why did Jesus' teaching bother some of the religious leaders?

Jesus explained that he is the "bread of life" - the source of sustenance and satisfaction. What can you do to gain deeper satisfaction in your relationship with Jesus? How is the "bread" that Jesus gives like or unlike the manna God gave his people in the Old Testament?

Jesus is the master teacher. That means we are to be students. What is one area of your life you feel God wants you to become a humble student and receive the teachings of Jesus?

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No Ordinary Man  
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