**Day 1 – Sign 1: making a new creation**

*This week we are going to be looking at some of the signs from John’s gospel. We are going to be thinking about what and who Jesus claimed to be and why these claims are life-giving and life-changing for us.*

Read John 2:1 – 12

*This is quite a well-known miracle, but worth going through as it helps set the tone for a key theme in John’s gospel.*

1. Where are Jesus and his disciples?
2. What is the problem that arises?
3. What response does Jesus initially give? Why do you think he says this?
4. How does this make what Jesus does in verse 7 even more striking?
5. How does the wine that Jesus offers compare to the previous wine?
6. What does this miracle tell us about Jesus (there will be several answers to this question!)?

This miracle is not just a sign that there is something special about Jesus. It is also a sign of what Jesus has come to do. There is a sense of making a new creation going on here (we had the wine, that ended and just left with water and then Jesus created a new wine). This is a theme that will run throughout John’s gospel, so look out for it, points to what Jesus’ mission is and shows that the new creation will be even better than the original creation and what we have now.

1. How does this make you feel?
2. What difference will it make as you look at the world this week?

**Day 2 – Sign 2: More than just a healing?**

Today’s passage is the second of Jesus’ signs, following on from the turning of water into wine and again gives a glimpse into the new creation that Jesus is making.

Read John 4:43 – 54

1. Whose son was ill?
2. What does he do when he approaches Jesus?
3. His response is quite natural as a father but not expected of a royal official. What is he risking in how he approaches Jesus?
4. What does he ask of Jesus?
5. How does Jesus respond?
6. Put yourself in the position of the royal official. If Jesus had said this to you, how do you think you might have reacted?
7. How does the royal official respond to Jesus saying that his son will live?
8. What is the outcome on the household of this healing?
9. What does this sign show us about the new creation that Jesus is making? What is part of it and what is not part of it?
10. How does this make you feel about the new creation? How will these feelings impact on how you live this week and this month? How might it change your priorities and focus?

**Day 3 – Sign 3: I am the bread of life**

1. List the things that we need to stay alive.

Read John 6:1 - 14

1. What is the problem that the disciples raise?
2. How does Jesus reply? What point do you think Jesus was trying to make (especially when you see the disciples response)?
3. How much did everyone have to eat?
4. What was left over?
5. How much food did they start off with?
6. What does this miracle tell us about Jesus?

Read John 6:26 – 35

1. Why were the people following Jesus?
2. Wat does Jesus say should be their focus?
3. Jesus says people do the work God requires. What is this work?
4. What story do the disciples refer back to (you may want to read it in Exodus 16)
5. Who provided for the people in the story?
6. What do the disciples ask for/want?
7. Where does Jesus say they will find this?
8. What promise does Jesus make to all who come to him?
9. Where do we look for our needs?

**Day 4 – Sign 4: Giving sight to the blind**

Read John 9:1 – 41 (long passage today!)

1. What was the problem with the man in v.1?
2. What question do the disciples ask to find out what caused this blindness?
3. How does Jesus respond?

There was a thought that sin led to suffering, so because the man was blind someone must have sinned – his parents (he was blind from birth) or him. Jesus shows this is not the right connection to make.

1. How does Jesus heal the man?
2. Why does he not just heal him immediately?
3. What different reactions did the Pharisees have?
4. How did the Pharisees respond once they had questioned the man about what had happened? What was the issue with the Pharisees?
5. What does the man say in response to the Pharisees about who Jesus is?
6. When the man sees Jesus, what does he do?
7. What two types of blindness have we seen in this passage?
8. Which is more important to deal with?
9. What does Jesus claim in v.5? How has this passage shown this to be true?
10. Have we thanked God for removing our spiritual blindness?
11. Do we pray for God to remove the spiritual blindness of those who don’t believe? Do we believe that they are blind?

**Day 5 – Sign 5: Ultimate enemy beaten!**

1. What is the one thing, the one enemy that no-one has ever been able to defeat?

Read John 11:1 – 16

1. Try to retell the story in a series of pictures or a series of movie scenes to describe to see what happens.
2. What is surprising about how Jesus responds in v.4 – 15 (there are several answers)?
3. Why does Jesus react in this way?

Read John 11:17 - 44

1. How long had Lazarus been dead for?
2. What does Jesus say he is (v.25-26)? Why is this so astounding?
3. How does Jesus support his claim in v.25 up?
4. Who else has ever been able to do this?
5. What confidence does this give us that Jesus has defeated death, the ultimate baddy?
6. How does this fit in with the theme we were thinking about on day 1 this week?
7. Reread v.35. If Jesus knew that he was going to bring Lazarus back to life, why do you think he was upset enough to weep?

**Day 6 – Sign 6: Promises come true**

We left the last sign with Jesus defeating the last and worst enemy in death. But what happens when Jesus faces death? Will all these amazing signs that we have seen about him come true – will there be a new creation and how can we be part of it – or will Jesus’ promises die with him?

Read John 20:1 – 18

1. What has just happened before our passage (may want to look back to previous chapter to see but the tomb should give a hint!)?
2. How did Jesus’ disciples react to the empty tomb?
3. How does Mary react when she sees the risen Lord Jesus?
4. How should we react when we see Jesus as the risen Lord?
5. Spend some time looking back at the signs from this week at who Jesus claimed, what it means for us and how we should feel when we see the risen Lord Jesus.
6. Reread v.1 – 10. What evidence is there that Jesus truly had come back to life?
7. How does this reassure you that Jesus’ resurrection is real?
8. What difference does this make to your life? What difference does it make to what you do this week?

**Day 7 – Complete forgiveness**

*We saw last time that all of Jesus’ promises are true and we can be sure of this because he rose from the dead. But, if you are like me, you may look at your life and think “But Jesus, I have done this ... (again). How can I be forgiven?”. Today’s passage shows amazing forgiveness and gives us assurance.*

Read Luke 22:54 - 62

1. Jesus was heading to the cross to die. When Peter is asked if he knows Jesus, how does he respond?
2. Who is he talking to?
3. How did he feel after the cock crowed?

Peter said he did not know Jesus at the worst point in Jesus’ life – leaving Jesus all alone. To make it worse, Peter was talking to a slave girl, not some high ranking official. When he remembers what Jesus said to him, he regrets it and weeps bitterly. But will Jesus forgive him?

Read John 21:15 – 19

1. How many times does Jesus ask Peter if Peter loves him?
2. How does Peter respond each time?
3. What command does Jesus give Peter each time?
4. What does this mean (is he telling Peter to become a shepherd?)
5. How do you think Peter felt when Jesus forgave him?
6. What assurances does this give us?
7. Is there anything you have done wrong that you don’t think God will forgive you? Give it to God now, say sorry and ask for His forgiveness. Then know you are forgiven.