

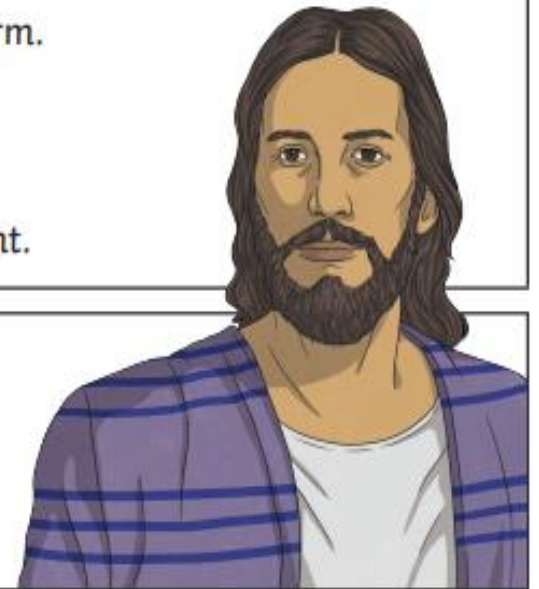
Key Vocabulary

divine	When something is divine , it is connected with or related to a god.
extraordinary	Something very unusual, unexpected or strange.
healer	Somebody who heals injuries or makes people better if they are suffering in some way.
miracle	An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature or science.
blasphemy	Something that is said or done that greatly disrespects or insults God.
Sabbath	The Jewish day of rest on the seventh day of the week.

Miracles

Jesus performed many different types of miracles:

- Miracles of nature e.g. the Calming of the Storm.
- Miracles of life and death e.g. the Raising of Lazarus and his own resurrection.
- Miracles of healing e.g. the Centurion's Servant.



Did You Know...?

There are lots of stories in the Bible about Jesus performing miracles. The Gospels list 37 miracles.

Why Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

Christians believe that Jesus performed miracles in order to:

- Prove that he was the Son of God.
- Show his immense compassion and love.
- Spread the message of God's love and forgiveness.



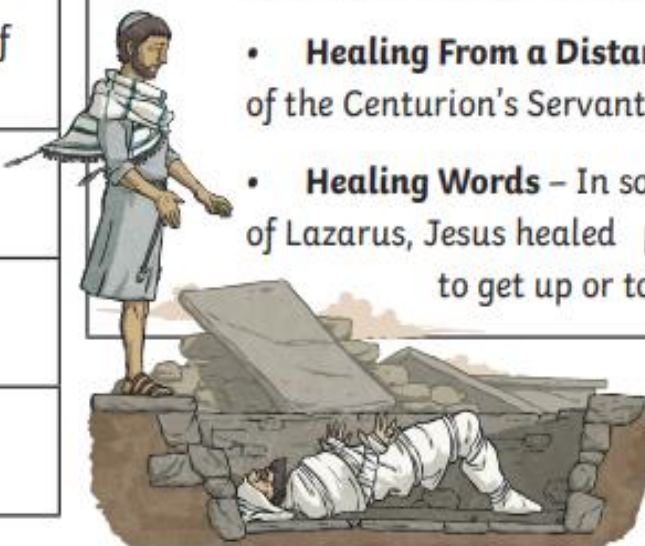
Key Vocabulary

Centurion	A Roman military officer in charge of 100 men.
empathy	The ability to share and understand the feelings of someone else.
resurrect	To bring a something or someone back to life.
Messiah	The saviour promised to the Jewish people.
faith	In Christianity, a belief and trust in God.

How Did Jesus Heal?

Jesus performed many different types of miracles:

- **The Healing Touch** – In many stories, Jesus heals people by laying his hands upon them such as in the miracle of the man blind from birth.
- **Healing From a Distance** – On some occasions, such as the miracle of the Centurion’s Servant, Jesus didn’t even meet the person he healed.
- **Healing Words** – In some stories, such as the Raising of Lazarus, Jesus healed people by commanding them to get up or to carry their things and walk.



Miracle of Miracles

The miracle of the Raising of Lazarus is significant for Christians, as it shows that Jesus can not only heal people but he can also raise them from the dead. It also showed people at the time that Jesus really was the Messiah that had been promised. Through this miracle, Jesus also promises that if Christians believe in him, they will have life even when they die.

Finding Meaning

Christians may find meaning today in the miracles of Jesus in a number of ways:

- They show that Jesus is fully God and has divine power.
- They show the nature of God as a compassionate and forgiving father, ready to help the poorest and sickest in society. This gives many Christians a good example to follow.
- They show Christians that the way to God is through Jesus and through having faith in him.