

## 7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)

**Miracles of Nature**

**Jesus** \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 8:23-27)

- Jesus is demonstrating a power over the \_\_\_\_\_, for he was there at creation and all things were created through him. (See Colossians 1:15-17)
- This miracle is an extension of \_\_\_\_\_
  - the sea was seen metaphorically as the place of chaos (similar to wilderness); this is an allusion to the creation story - the Spirit of God hovering over the face of deep (bringing order out of chaos).
- The language Jesus uses here is the language of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jesus** \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 14:15-21)

- Jesus had \_\_\_\_\_ (*splanchnizomai*) on the crowds
- Jesus' first response to the problem is to tell \_\_\_\_\_ to give them something to eat.
- Notice what Jesus does with the small meal ( \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ )
- OT references:
  - God providing \_\_\_\_\_ for Moses and Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years
  - Ezekiel 34 and the image of \_\_\_\_\_ without a \_\_\_\_\_ (this passage reverberates with Messianic overtones)
- Notice how much was left over - \_\_\_\_\_ (symbolic - blessings overflowing for each of the twelve tribes)

In each of these miracles, Jesus is bringing the Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_  
(power over nature, power over food, power of judgment).

In his miracles, Jesus demonstrates power over:

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**Additional Examples of Jesus' Power Over Nature:**

- *The great haul of fishes (Luke 5:1-11).*
- *Jesus stilled the storm (Matthew 8:23-27).*
- *Jesus fed at least five thousand people (Matthew 14:15-21).*
- *Jesus fed at least four thousand people (Matthew 15:32-39).*
- *Jesus caused the fig tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-22).*

