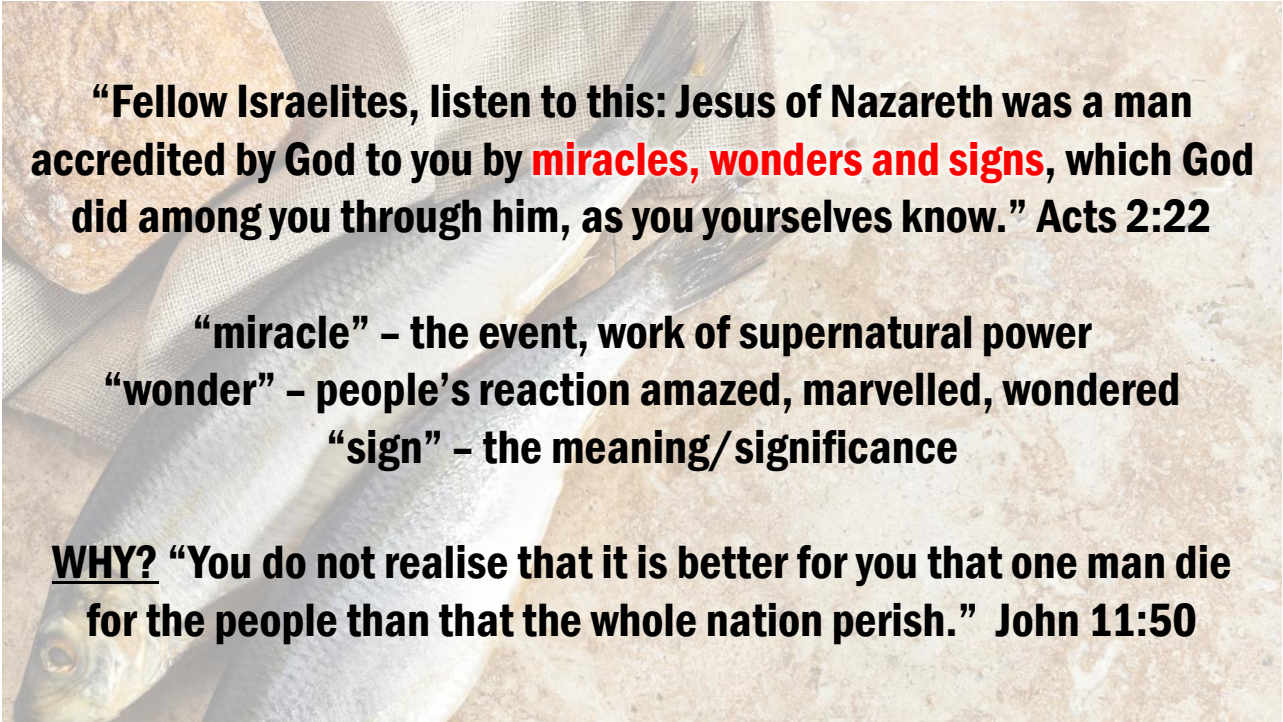


...many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. “What are we accomplishing?” they asked.

“Here is this man performing **many signs. John 11:45-47**

Seven signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John - [complete, whole]

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“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by **miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.” Acts 2:22**

“miracle” – the event, work of supernatural power

“wonder” – people’s reaction amazed, marvelled, wondered

“sign” – the meaning/significance

WHY? “You do not realise that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.” John 11:50

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They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising. John 18:40

If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and **‘take away’ both our temple and our nation.” John 11:48**

John 11:47 – Here is this man performing many **signs.**

[miracle, wonder, token] [NT:4592]

supernatural element – beyond explanation

‘provides authenticity proving the cause’

[signify, purpose, intent, verify]

“Romans will come and **‘take away’ our temple and our nation”**

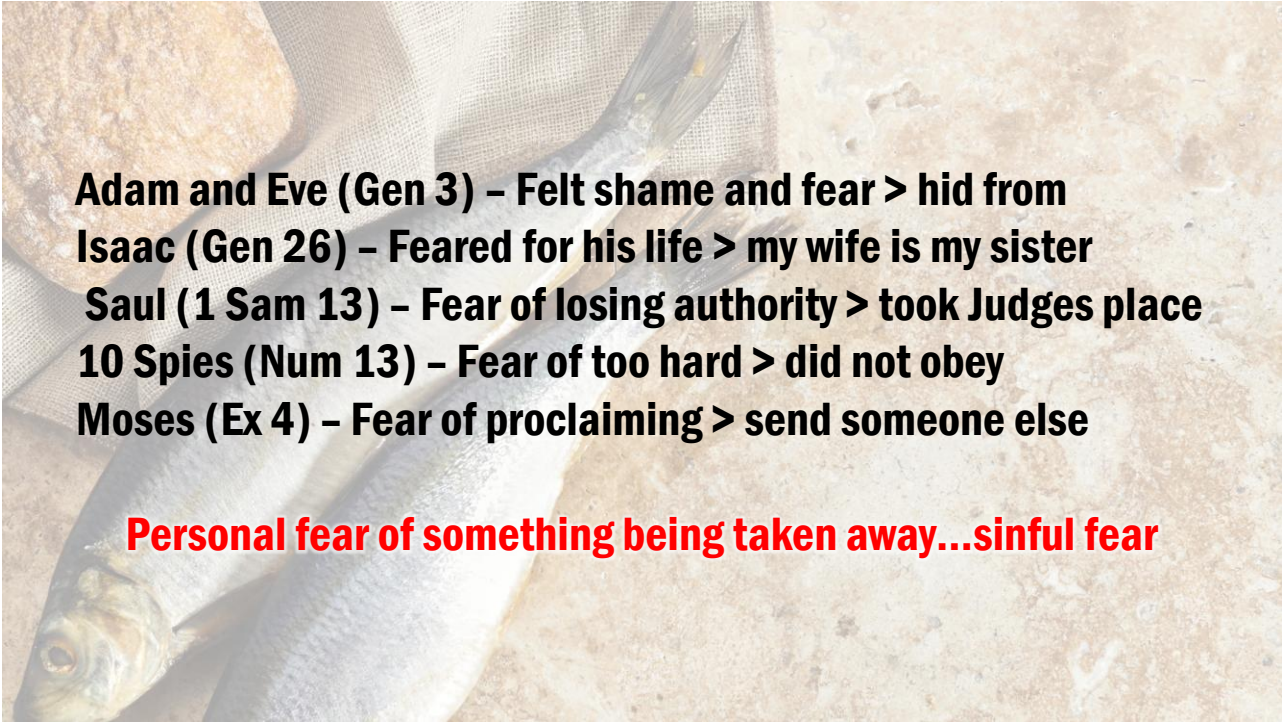
Fear...personal fear we feel.

Fear (of something being taken away) > run to God

Sinful fear (of something being taken away) > away from God

**Jesus will come and ‘take away’ my temple and my nation (BMV)
(c.f. John 12:48)**

**Better for Jesus to die than have me at risk losing my position,
my status, my sense of self worth and my control over the
existing rules to control my nation (BMV)
(c.f. John 12:50)**



**Adam and Eve (Gen 3) – Felt shame and fear > hid from
Isaac (Gen 26) – Feared for his life > my wife is my sister
Saul (1 Sam 13) – Fear of losing authority > took Judges place
10 Spies (Num 13) – Fear of too hard > did not obey
Moses (Ex 4) – Fear of proclaiming > send someone else**

Personal fear of something being taken away...sinful fear

Fear seems to grow into Sinful Fear (drift)

**Perpetuates doubt that rationalises unbelief (Acts 5:4)
Drives false “realities” to justify against truth (Lk 19:21)
Entrenches self-dependence, decisions without faith (1 Ki 12:27)
Being exposed as a sinner in the light (Jn 3:19)
Drives you away from God (Ge 3:10)
At odds with God/Love (1Jn 4:18)**

Sinful Fear – tends towards idolatry, anything above the Lord

Fear is natural, being afraid is not sinful as an initial reaction.

Fear tends to focus our thinking on the problem, not Jesus

"Feed your fears and your faith will starve.

***Feed your faith, and your fears will starve."* Max Lucado**

Where we permit fear to dominate, hinder spiritual maturity, and persuade us not to follow the Lord: This kind of permitted fear is **a sign of rebellious unbelief, sinful fear and idolatry - against our new nature in Christ.**

Nevertheless, Jesus said don't be afraid – **He gave us signs!**

1/ Turning Water Into Wine (John 2:1-12)

****Cleansing the Temple (John 2:12-17)***

2/ Healing the Nobleman's Son (John 4:46-54)

3/ Healing the Man at the Pool (John 5:1-11)

4/ Feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1-15)

****5/ Walking on Water (John 6:16-21)***

6/ Healing a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-12)

7/ Resurrecting Lazarus (John 11)

****Resurrection of Jesus (John 20)***



Who are your 'Romans'?
(Power)(Life)(Influence)(Voices)(Authority)

What can they **take away?**
(Identity)(Wealth)(Reputation)(Security)(Provision)



Jesus came to **'take away'**

Fear and Darkness
Guilt and Shame
Sickness and Hopelessness
Separation and Sin



Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me.

I knew that you always hear me,
but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

John 11:40-42



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