

## How Jesus Developed Faith in His Disciples

Jesus took His disciples through a school of faith. He carefully designed lessons using a variety of methods to stimulate their growth in this area.

### I. Definition of Faith

Before completing the chart of Jesus' lessons on faith, it is helpful to have a sense of what this faith is like that Jesus is seeking to build into His disciples' lives. Do a topical study on faith (not an exhaustive one) to come up with a definition of biblical faith.

Definition:

Key Verse:

Characteristics:

II. Jesus' Teachings About Faith

Reference	Event	Date	Method	God's Work	Man's Obedience
Jn 1:35-51	Calls first disciples	Feb 27 AD			
Jn 2:1-11	Miracle at Cana	Feb 27 AD			
Mk 1:16-20	Calls four fishermen	Feb 28 AD			
Lk 5:1-11	Miracle catch	Mar 28 AD			
Mt 5-7	Sermon on the Mount	Jun 28 AD			
Mt 8:5-13	Healing of centurion's servant	Jun 28 AD			
Lk 8:22-25	Calming of storm	Nov 28 AD			
Lk 8:40-56	Healing of Jairus' daughter & sick woman	Nov 28 AD			
Mt 9:27-31	Healing of two blind men	Dec 28 AD			
Mk 6:1-6	Final visit to Nazareth	Jan 29 AD			

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Mk 6:7-13	Sending out the Twelve	Jan 29 AD			
Mt 14:13-21	Feeding the 5000	Mar 29 AD			
Mt 14:22-33	Walking on water	Apr 29 AD			
Jn 6:22-71	Bread controversy	Apr 29 AD			
Mk 8:1-19	Feeding the 4000	Jul 29 AD			
Mt 16:5-12	Leaven and faith review	Jul 29 AD			
Mt 17:14-21	Disciples unable to heal boy	Sep 29 AD			
Lk 10:1-24	Sending out seventy	Oct 29 AD			
Lk 12	Teaching the disciples & the multitudes	Nov 29 AD			
Lk 16:1-17:10	Stewardship	Jan 30 AD			
Jn 11	Raising of Lazarus	Feb 30 AD			

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Mt 21:19-22	Cursing of the fig tree	Mar 30 AD			
Jn 14	Farewell discourse	Apr 30 AD			
Jn 20:24-31	Appearance: Thomas	Apr 30 AD			
Jn 21:1-25	Appearance: Sea of Galilee	Apr 30 AD			

### III. Understanding the Disciples' Responses to Faith Events

#### A. The Disciples' Struggles

1. What made it so difficult for the disciples to respond in faith?

2. When did Jesus rebuke the disciples for lack of faith?

#### B. Exemplary Responses

1. When do the disciples show exemplary response to crises of faith?

2. What do you think enables them to respond this way?

#### C. Jesus' Program for Teaching Faith

1. Do you see any progression in Jesus' program for teaching faith?

2. How does Jesus model faith as He teaches it?

3. Why do you think faith is so important in Jesus' training program?