

(Doing What Jesus Did series)

Chat with the children

- When would you see this sign?
 - where, what would you need to do?
 - (put fuel in car...)

- What do you need to fuel:
 - car
 - electric kettle
 - horses
 - baby

- *Christians!*
 - Holy Spirit...

Can you do what Jesus did?

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 - he healed people, he made food for crowds of thousands, he walked on water, stilled storms, he cast out demons....
 - can you do what Jesus did?
- There's a bit of us that cries out: "No! Of course not!"
 - we are not, like Jesus, the Son of God from before the beginning of the world
 - and yet we know that we are to be like Jesus, indeed that he said in John 14:12: "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."
- Series: doing what Jesus did... from Mark 1
 - last week - identified with people
 - this week - empowered by the Spirit
 - before he ministered to others, he was empowered God's Spirit
 - came into our situation, and chose to be powerless, emptying himself of all the glory of heaven...
 - and was empowered by the Spirit...

Jesus' experience at the Jordan

- Going to identify with human sin
 - entering into our experience
 - and given by the Father the same gift he gives each of us who put our trust in him, his Spirit
- Jesus' experience of the Spirit leading, directing, empowering...
 - instantly into the desert - which we'll think more about next week, I think
 - leading him into doing the kinds of situations of ministry like this pointed to in the Isaiah prophecy, of wholeness-bringing

Filled/be Filled

- Puzzle and tension:
 - are all Christians filled with the Spirit?
 - is there a possible re-filling?
- Scripture and experience are complicated
 - eg 1 Cor 12:13 - "we were all given the one Spirit to drink." - all Christians have the Spirit
 - and yet, eg, Eph 5:18 - "be filled with the Spirit" - an on-going command
- Both valid and possible, and part of the picture
 - analogies are weak here...
 - teacher/mentor analogy, paying attention to their method or not, but still having been taught and knowing what we have been taught

Attentiveness to God

- To his presence and prompting
 - to his holiness and character
 - to his empowering and enabling
- Seek the fullness of the Spirit's presence and enabling
 - a conscious shedding of our own independence