THE GOSPEL OF MARK

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FOLLOWING JESUS



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THE SEA

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EMBLEMS OF REBELLION AND DESTRUCTION

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Mark 4:35-5:20

From

CHAOS

To

CALM

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Jesus' Messianic/Kingdom Authority

- ❑ Jesus *taught* with authority
- ❑ Jesus has authority over disease
- ❑ Jesus has authority to forgive sins
- ❑ Jesus has authority over the Sabbath, Temple
- ❑ Jesus has authority over death
- ❑ **Jesus has authority over the natural world**
- ❑ Jesus has authority over *evil spirits*

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Mark 4:35-5:1

Jesus Calms The Storm

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Mark 4:35-5:1 “And on that day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 And leaving the multitude, they took Him along with them, just as He was, in the boat; and other boats were with Him. 37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. 38 And He Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" 39 And being aroused, He rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. 40 And He said to them, "Why are you so timid? How is it that you have no faith?" 41 And they became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?". 1 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes.”

Mark 4:35-5:1 Summary

- Parallel passage Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25
- The Stormy Sea - Emblem of Chaos and Rebellion
- Jesus like Yahweh is Lord over the Sea
- Faith or Fear (cowardice)

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Mark 4:35-5:1 Parts to the story

- ❑ Jesus' stated purpose to go across the sea
- ❑ A storm on the sea threatens to sink the boat
- ❑ The disciples fear (cowardice) for their lives
- ❑ Jesus rebukes the storm and calms the sea
- ❑ Jesus rebukes the disciples lack of faith
- ❑ The disciples fear (are awestruck at) this revelation of Jesus as Lord over the Sea
- ❑ Jesus and the disciples cross the sea

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The Stormy Sea – Emblem of Chaos and Rebellion

- The Sea as the pit of destruction (Psa. 69:15)
- A flood of waters is emblematic of distress (Jer. 47:2)
- Yahweh's final destruction of Leviathan is emblematic of putting down all rebellion (Isa. 27:1)
- In the new heaven and earth there is no Sea (Rev. 21:1)

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Jesus like Yahweh is Lord over the Sea

Psa. 107:23-30 “Those who go down to the sea in ships,
Who do business on great waters; 24 They have seen the
works of the LORD, And His wonders in the deep. 25 For He
spoke and raised up a stormy wind, Which lifted up the
waves of the sea. 26 They rose up to the heavens, they went
down to the depths; Their soul melted away in *their* misery. 27
They reeled and staggered like a drunken man, And were at
their wits’ end. 28 Then they cried to the LORD in their
trouble, And He brought them out of their distresses. 29 He
caused the storm to be still, So that the waves of the sea
were hushed. 30 Then they were glad because they were
quiet; So He guided them to their desired haven.”

FAITH or FEAR

- FAITH or Wilful FEAR (cowardice) is a spiritual disposition (2Cor. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:7)

- Fearful situations are opportunities to grow our FAITH

Mark 4:35-5:1 IMPACT

- The disciples fear (are awestruck at) this revelation of Jesus as Lord over the Sea
- A growth in the disciples appreciation of Who Jesus is!
- With Jesus in our boat we can embrace / engage the storm as a faith growing opportunity

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Mark 5:1-20

Jesus

Calms

The

Demoniac

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Mark 5:1-20 “And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when He had come out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, 3 and he had his dwelling among the tombs. And no one was able to bind him anymore, even with a chain; 4 because he had often been bound with shackles and chains, and the chains had been torn apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 And constantly night and day, among the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out and gashing himself with stones. 6 And seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him; 7 and crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What do I have to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God, do not torment me!" 8 For He had been saying to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" 9 And He was asking him, "What is your name?" And he said to Him, "My name is Legion; for we are many." 10 And he *began to entreat Him earnestly not to send them out of the country. marveled.* .”

“11 Now there was a big herd of swine feeding there on the mountain. 12 And the demons entreated Him, saying, "Send us into the swine so that we may enter them." 13 And He gave them permission. And coming out, the unclean spirits entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea, about two thousand of them; and they were drowned in the sea. 14 And their herdsmen ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country. And the people came to see what it was that had happened. 15 And they came to Jesus and observed the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the "legion"; and they became frightened. 16 And those who had seen it described to them how it had happened to the demon-possessed man, and all about the swine. 17 And they began to entreat Him to depart from their region.”

“*18 And as He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was entreating Him that he might accompany Him. 19 And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." 20 And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone marveled.* .”

Mark 5:1-20 Summary

- Parallel passage Matthew 8:28-34; Luke 8:26-39
- Unclothed, Uncontrolled, Dehumanized, Demonized
- Chaos and Destruction
- Calm, Clothed, Sober-minded, Humanized, Object of

  God's mercy
- Conversion contrasted with Rejection

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Mark 5:1-20 IMPACT

- ❑ The FEAR and COWERING of the demons before Jesus
- ❑ The CHANGED life of the exorcised man
- ❑ The REJECTION of Jesus by the local residents
- ❑ The PURPOSEFUL life of the exorcised man

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