

40 DAYS IN THE WORD – Message #3

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Mark 5:1-20 | Jesus Heals A Demon Possessed Man

Understanding The Sequence Of Events:

- Jesus interrupts his teaching to the multitudes and leads His disciples “across the lake”.
- Up to this point the disciples were “observers & learners” not “active participants”.
- The disciples fear for their lives in the midst of storm.
- Jesus wakes up, rebukes storm, the wind & waves obey.
- Disciples were fearful in the presence of the Son of God.

Understanding Storms In Our Lives:

- Storms teach us we are not IN CONTROL of our lives.
- Our “knowledge of Jesus” becomes “trust in Jesus” after we experience His power over our storm.
- Storms in life happen even when we are following Jesus.
- We must remain confident that He is with us in the storm.

The Compassion of Christ:

- Jesus heard, in His heart, the groaning of a helpless man who was tormented by a storm of demons.
- Jesus crossed the raging sea to meet the needs of man trapped in bondage.
- *Life Application:* Your deepest needs are a PRIORITY to God - not an INCONVENIENCE.
- Jesus only had one purpose for crossing the lake; to save this man.
- Jesus comes to those who are trapped in their sins, and provides them a way out.

The Man’s Condition:

- He lived his life among the dead, exposed corpses in clefts of the rocks.
- Helplessly out of control. The storm of demons (approx. 3k-6k) was beyond his ability to control.
- He had lost hope. The demonic torment was unending.
- Great pain & anguish – self-mutilation, cutting, etc.
- He needed someone to reach down further than he was able to reach up for help.

God’s Power Over Satan:

- “He will crush the head of the serpent” (Gen 3:15)
- “The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work” (1 John 3:8)
- “I drive out demons by the finger of God” (Luke 11:20)

Life Change Is Offered To All:

- When someone comes to faith in Christ, their hearts are changed, and it is always visible – both inwardly and outwardly.
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Guides us (John 16:13)
 - Gives us Wisdom (Colossians 1:9)
 - Comforts us (Jeremiah 8:18)
 - Teaches us (Isaiah 30:20-21)
 - Strengthens & Encourages (Acts 9:31)
 - Renews our minds (Romans 12:2)
 - We are a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17)
- Once we accept Him as our Savior and follow Him as our Lord [leader]... Jesus wants us to share our story within our own circles of influence.

MY NOTES: