

JESUS TURNS CHAOS TO CALM – Mark 4:34-5:20

March 28, 2020

This week, we are going to get back to our series on the Gospel of Mark. The message or discussion this Sabbath will come from the end of chapter four and the beginning of chapter five. We will focus on the stories of Jesus calming the sea: Mark 4:35-41 and the healing of the demon possessed man of Mark 5:1-20. In these stories we learn about Jesus bringing calm to chaos first in the circumstances that surrounded the disciples and next to the interior life of a man completely out of control.

Some questions for us to consider:

1. What surprises you most about Jesus calming the sea?
2. The disciples reaction to Jesus sleeping in the boat was that He didn't care. Have you ever felt that God was asleep and didn't care about you? To what extent would you be willing to go to wake him and ask for his help?
3. When was the last time you were so surprised about God's intervention in your life that it actually caused you to fear him as the disciples did here?
4. What inspires you most about the exorcism of the demon possessed man?
5. Legion probably refers to a Roman legion of soldiers: 3 - 6,000 soldiers. What do you think it must have felt like for this man to have a legion of demons rooting around and taking possession of his life? How do you think he felt about meeting Jesus?
6. What scared people about the miracle Jesus worked in this man enough to ask him to leave their area? What scares or makes people feel uneasy about the work of God in their lives today?
7. Why did Jesus not invite the man to go with him? Jesus says that we are to make disciples of all people. Why was this man not allowed to become a disciple of Jesus - or was he? What do you think?
8. How do these stories provide hope and a peaceful calm in the midst of the Corona Virus? What comfort do you need from Jesus concerning the circumstances surrounding us or the chaos and fear within? How can we pray for you?