

## *The Gospel of Mark: Session 5*

...the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. (1:1)

### The Power of the Kingdom (Mark 4:35–5:43)

#### Basic Outline

- Power over Nature (4:35–41)
- Power over Demons (5:1–20)
- Power over Disease (5:25–34)
- Power over Death (5:21–24; 35–43)

#### Questions to Consider as You Read

Perhaps you've heard 4:35–41 taught in such a way that the main point is, "Jesus can calm the storms in your life." This is true. But is this the main point of these verses? If not, what is?

Notice the repetition of "great" in 4:35-41. The great storm was silenced to a great calm and this brings great fear upon the disciples. Is this the response we expect from followers of Jesus?

The disciples ask a question in 4:41. What is the answer and who offers it in 5:7?

Compare the demon-possessed man's appearance at the beginning of the story (5:3-5) to the end (5:15). What made the difference? What difference has Christ made in your life?

What does Jesus tell this man to do in verse 19? Is that difficult? Can you do the same?

Mark describes for us in these verses real people with real problems. Consider these people. The faithless disciples. The tormented man. The hopeless woman. The distraught father. The daughter at death's door. As you study their stories, does it remind you of your story?

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever. He is still today and always will be the God-Man; the One who has power over disaster, demons, disease, and death. Will you respond to him in faith today?