

LIFE & MINISTRY OF *Christ*

“Storms Prepare You for What’s Ahead”

Mark 4: 35 – 39 A Great Storm

Jesus took the disciples through a storm to show them how to use their authority in His name. (He had an appointment to teach them an important lesson, later when they reached the other side)

Jesus knew what they would see when they arrived at the seashore, and He knew in order to be ready for that confrontation, they would need to first go through a storm. A storm that would let them see that He was in fact Jesus the Son of God

(We have Encountered many storms in 2023)

***Be encouraged** - God is doing something in the storm to prepare you for what’s on the shore.

***God has brought you through many storms**, so you will be able to stand on the shore knowing that whatever you are confronted with you will know that He is with you.

***When they arrived on the shore:**

Mark 5: 1-20 NKJV

1. A man from the tombs?

“Storms Prepare You for What’s on the Seashore”

A man was possessed with a demon and living among the tombs

- Man was tormented – a long time, stripped naked.
- He lost hope, he was empty, wounded, hurt.
- He was bound, - a repeated lifestyle brings (bondage, fear, habits)
- He had an unclean spirit - dwelling among the tombs (empty places)
- No one could bind him (stop him) tame him.
- Night & day, he was in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself, self-destructive, hurting himself (repeat)

Application: **Ephesians 4:25-27**

- Are you living among the tombs?
- Tomb: In this story a tomb represents death - (Spiritual Death).
- Are there areas in your life that are unproductive?
- What kind of people do you hang around?
- Are there battles - you feel helpless against?

2. How did the man know Jesus was coming?

Vs 6 -The Power of Christ (God in the flesh) Christ arrives on the scene Speaks & cast out the demon and lives are transformed.

Immediately, there met Him a man from the tombs. When he saw Jesus from afar he ran and worshiped Him.

(Change started here)

- The Demon cried out with a loud voice, (spoke through the man) "What have I to do with you, Jesus, son of the Most-High God?"
- The demon knew His name.
- I implore You by God that You do not torment me.
- The demon said, "Don't torment me by casting me out of this man" (He wanted to inhabit man)

What's the Demon's benefit to control man?

It's an attack against God (they hate Him)

Jesus said, come out of the man, unclean spirit! And He ask Him, what is your name?

- Demon said, I won't give you my name by telling you how many there are in here.
- He said my name is Legion – Greek word means - many 6000 soldiers (ready to fight) This is how the demons lie to us.

Restore people - by the Love of God

Ignite passion through Authentic Worship - make disciples

Reveal my Purpose - to your sphere of influence

How does this apply to us today?

- **Ephesians 6:10** – We wrestle not against flesh & blood
- Demons know they are powerless against Christ & His spoken word
- Don't give the devil place to gain strongholds in your life
- Take your Authority