

## The Journey

### Series 04: Christ

#### Week 37: Jesus' Power Over Nature and the Enemy

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#### Review (Where We Have Been)

We've been examining Jesus' power and authority.

#### Observations About Jesus' Power and Authority...

- Authority in Teaching  
**Mark 1:22 (ESV)** he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes.
- Power over the Spirit Realm (cast out demons)
- Power over the Physical Realm (healings)
- Authority to Call People to Be Born Again (new and eternal life)  
**John 3:3 (ESV)** "...unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- Power to Forgive Sin  
**Mark 2:5 (ESV)** And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Why did Jesus have this type of authority and power? *Because He is God.*

#### BIG Idea

Today we will observe another part of Jesus' power and authority.

Because Jesus was not just man but also God, He had complete power over all His creation – *created things (nature) and created beings (demons).*

He demonstrated who He was – not a mere man but also the mighty Creator.

#### Information (What We Need to Know)

#### Two Ways Jesus Demonstrated He was God...

- Power Over Created Things (Nature) – *Jesus Calms a Storm*  
**Colossians 1:16 (ESV)** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.  
*"Christ is not only the One through whom all things came to be, but also the One by whom they continue to exist." – Bible Knowledge Commentary*

- ✓ A great storm arose while they were on the boat  
**Mark 4:35 (ESV)** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” **36** And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. **37** And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling.
- ✓ Jesus was asleep during the storm (shows His humanity – He was tired)  
**Mark 4:38 (ESV)** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion.
- ✓ The disciples were very afraid, so they awoke Jesus  
**Mark 4:38 (ESV)** And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”
- ✓ Jesus calms the storm, showing He has complete power over created things  
**Mark 4:39 (ESV)** And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.
- ✓ Jesus rebukes the disciples for their lack of faith in His power over creation  
**Mark 4:40 (ESV)** He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?”

*The storm did not disturb Jesus - the unbelief of His disciples disturbed Him.*

- They did not believe His word

**Mark 4:35 (ESV)** On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.”

- They accused Jesus of a lack of care towards them
- They forgot the big picture (Jesus would not die in this moment because He was the promised Deliverer)

- ✓ The disciples fear

**Mark 4:41 (ESV)** And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

“This was not fear of being harmed by the storm, but a reverence for the supernatural power Jesus displayed. The only thing more terrifying than having a storm outside the boat was having God in the boat!” – John MacArthur

- Power Over Created Beings (Demons) – *Jesus Casts out Demons*

**Mark 5:1 (ESV)** They came to the other side of the sea... **2** And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. **3** He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, **4** for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. **5** Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.

- ✓ The demon-possessed man was helpless (the enemy destroys)  
**1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.  
*Lived in a graveyard; out of control; in agony and despair; practiced self-harm*
- ✓ Jesus spoke to the man in order to cast out the demons  
**Mark 5:8 (ESV)** For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”
- ✓ The demons communicated with Jesus  
**Mark 5:7 (ESV)** And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.” **9** And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion [6,000], for we are many.” **10** And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country.”
- ✓ Jesus cast out the demons and sent them into a herd of pigs (that died)  
**Mark 5:11 (ESV)** Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, **12** and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” **13** So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea.

### Application (What We Need to Do)

#### *What happened to the formerly demon-possessed man?*

- News spread quickly about what Jesus had done for this man  
**Mark 5:14 (ESV)** The herdsmen fled and told it in the city and in the country. And people came to see what it was that had happened.
- The people found Jesus sitting with the man, who was in his right mind  
**Mark 5:15 (ESV)** And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man...sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.
- The people asked Jesus to leave their town (fear of His spiritual power)  
**Mark 5:16 (ESV)** And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. **17** And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region.
- The formerly demon-possessed man wanted to *be with* and *speak about* Jesus  
**Mark 5:18 (ESV)** As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. **19** And he did not permit him but said to him, “Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” **20** And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled.