

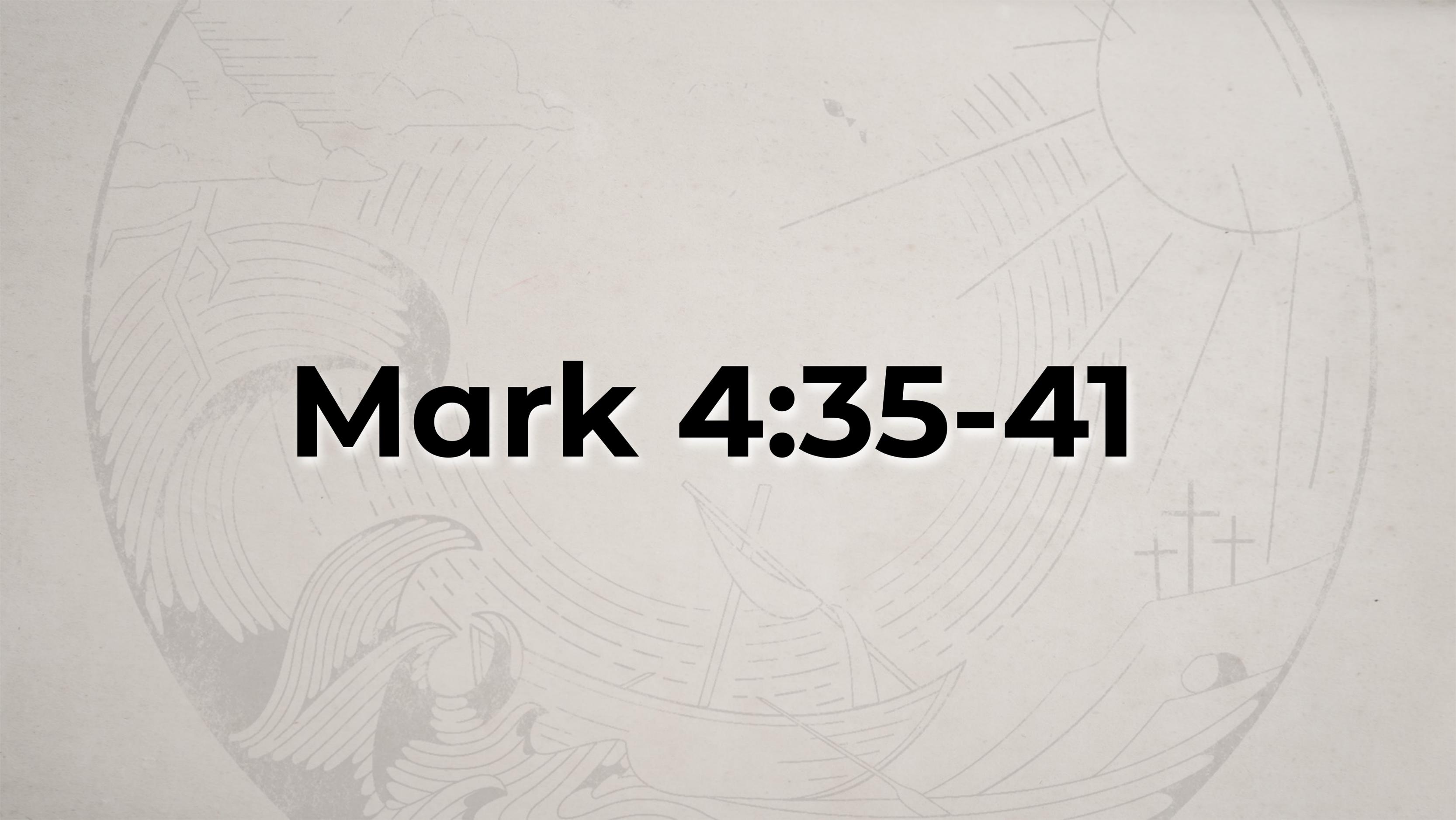


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THE GOSPEL IN ACTION

Intro: The Power of a Storm



A faint, circular background illustration depicting a stormy sea. In the foreground, a boat is shown navigating through large, dark waves. In the distance, a lighthouse with a cross on top is visible on a rocky shore. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the overall scene conveys a sense of danger and adversity.

Mark 4:35-41

I. The One Who Silences Storms (35-41)

The significance of verse 35. Jesus immediately leaves the crowd and goes "to the other side" (of the Sea of Galilee).

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The "other side" = the Gentile side!

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Jesus leaves the 99 (the Jewish crowd) to go after the ONE (and what a "one" it is!)

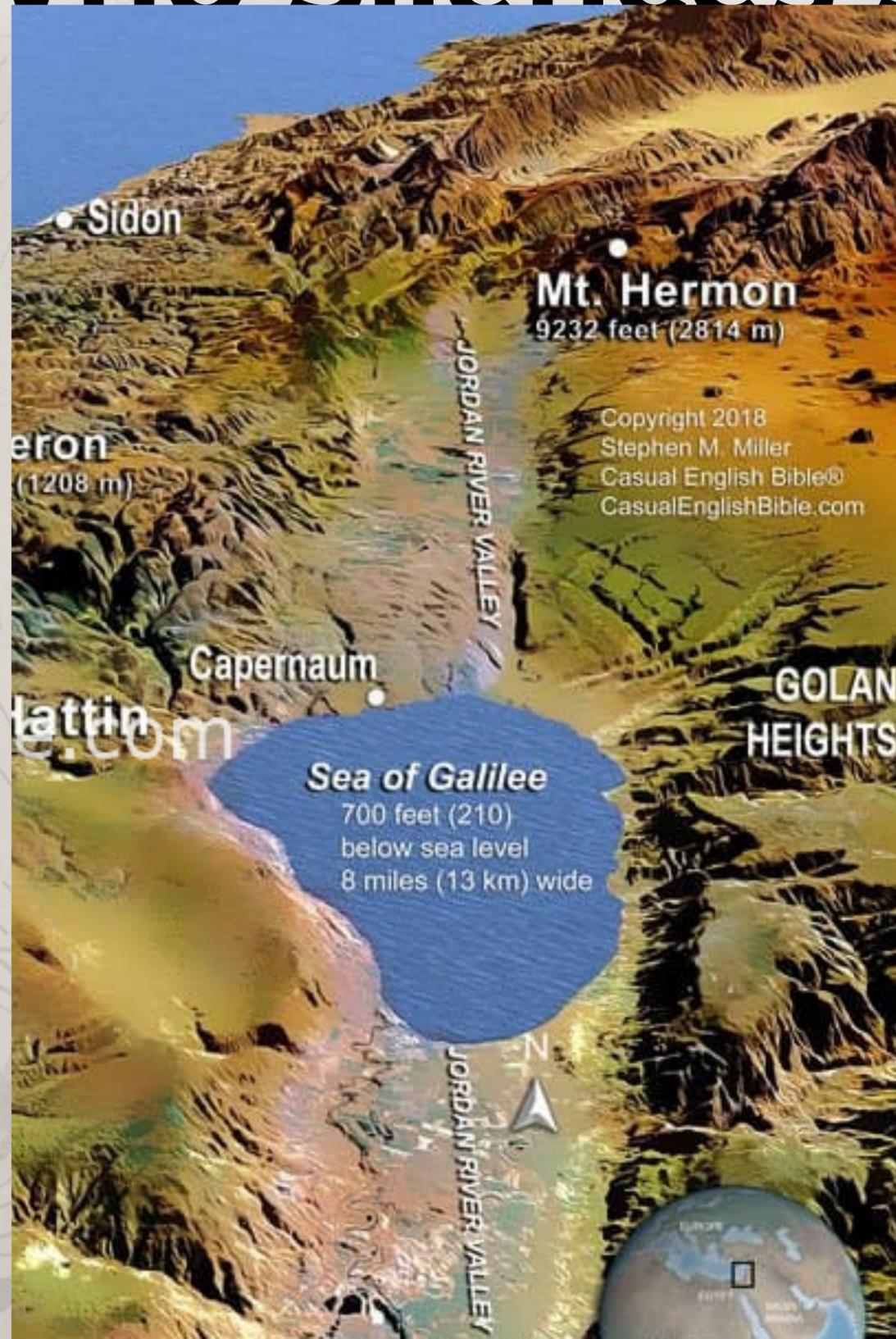
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“There were other boats with him...” -> More than the 12 are following Jesus at this point... more than one boat needed!

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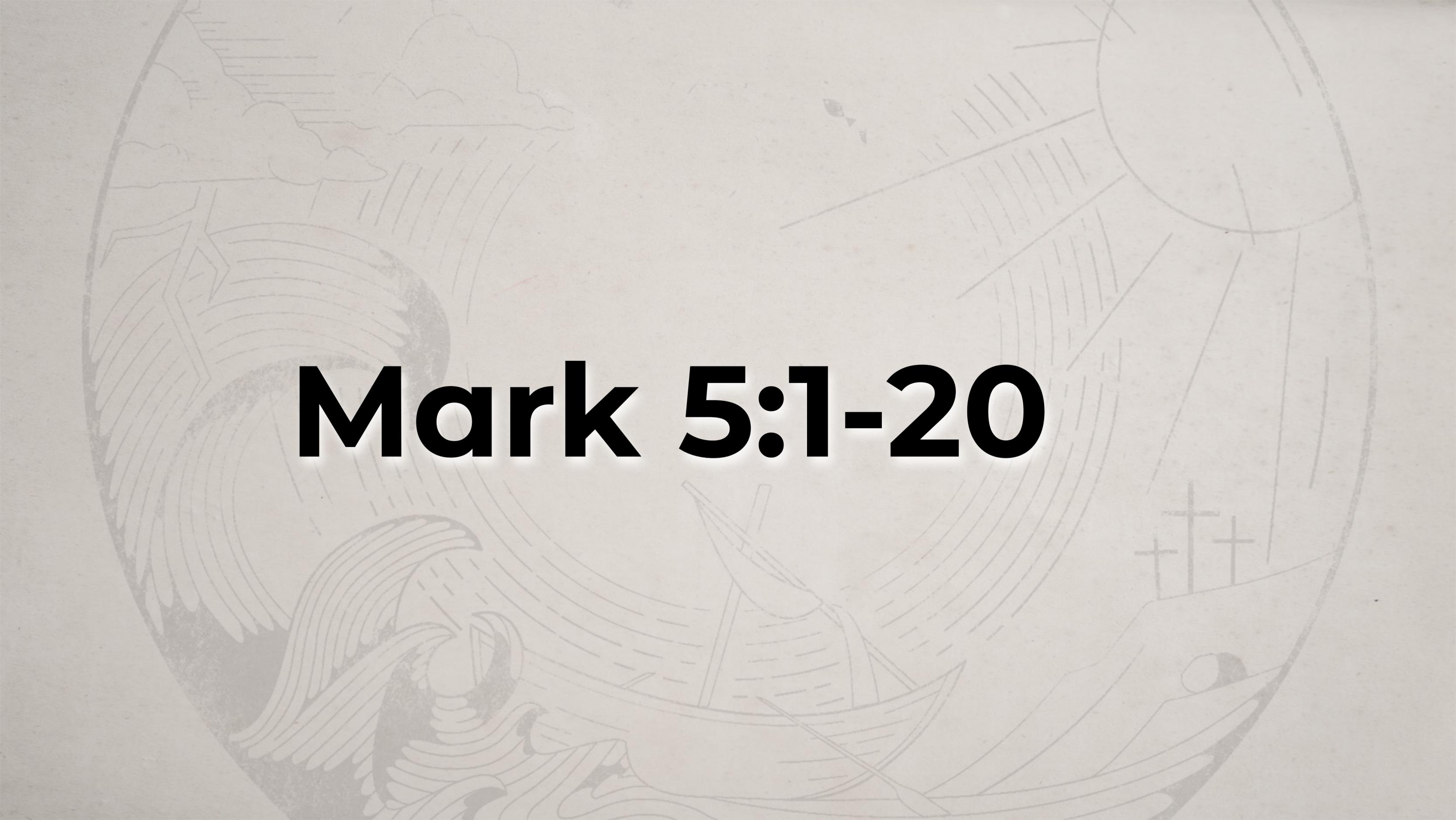
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Jonah 1 parallels....

However, where Jonah was sailing **AWAY** from God's mission to the Gentiles, Jesus was sailing **TOWARD** God's mission to the Gentiles!

I. The One Who Silences Storms (35-41)

In the Old Testament, GOD ALONE has the power to command nature. Now, Jesus commands the wind and the waves... could He be God in the Flesh?

A faint, circular background illustration of a stormy sea. The scene is rendered in a light, sketchy style. In the foreground, a large, curling wave is depicted with many fine, parallel lines. In the middle ground, a boat is shown, tilted as if caught in the waves. The background features a sky with stylized clouds and a sun or moon in the upper right corner, partially obscured by a circular frame. The overall tone is muted and atmospheric.

Mark 5:1-20

II. The One Who Expels Demons (1-20)



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The demonic agenda -> Distort and destroy the image of God in people.

The Jesus agenda -> Redeem and Restore what the Enemy has broken.



II. The One Who Expels Demons (1-20)

Horrified disciples:

- "No one may raise pigs anywhere"
- Pigs are likely for the Romans
- Man living among TOMBS
- Contact with the dead makes you
UNCLEAN

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**Remember when
you were the ONE**

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“Legion” -> a word describing the **LARGEST** unit of the Roman army... around 5000 soldiers!

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What's with the destruction of the pigs? (Unlike Jesus, pigs can't **WALK ON WATER!**)

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In the eyes of Jesus, the restoration of ONE human is more important than any amount of wealth!

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The people see the **CHANGE** in the man... he is sitting there clothed and in his **RIGHT** mind!

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**The man desires to FOLLOW Jesus...
let me be your disciple too!**

II. The One Who Expels Demons (1-20)

But Jesus has another mission for him. Go home to your own people (oikos) and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.

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**Go to your oikos and
TELL YOUR STORY!**

Conclusion: The Power of a Witness

The first evangelist in the Decapolis is the man who had been possessed by a **LEGION** of demons!

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Application #1 - You are qualified to be a witness for Jesus. If you have been saved by faith, YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL!

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Application #2 - You have a built-in audience for your story. Your OIKOS knows who you USED to be... and they see the CHANGE in you!

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Amazing but true... The former demoniac is **BETTER** positioned to reach the Decapolis than **PETER** or **ANY** of the other disciples!

Conclusion: The Power of a Witness

As you TELL THE STORY of what Christ has done for you, you are better positioned to reach your OIKOS than any of our PASTORS or ELDERS!

Conclusion: The Power of a Witness

**ONE faithful witness
can change the world!**



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