

The Gospel of Mark – DOES GOD CARE?

Mark 5 – March 1st, 2026

What a good, FULL DAY. What a wonderful day... by the shoreline, listening to Jesus teach and then having a private audience to get detailed insight into the lessons.

A wonderful day with an unexpected evening.

They are hit with a storm... let's read [Mark 4:35-41](#)

Mark 4:35-41 – THE DANGEROUS

“THE OTHER SIDE” – The Gentile Side

The other side... they took Him as He was. No preparations, just time to go.

1 hour of public speaking = Physically feels like 2 miles of running.

1 hour of public speaking = psychologically can feel like 3-5 miles.

What is the point? Jesus was worn out. His earthly, human body was like ours.

Falls into a state of exhaustion and is fast asleep on the seating neat the back of the boat.

Cyclone-type storm...

Winds whipping up down the valley that is the Jordan river and as the water from the Jordan flows into the Sea of Galilee, the wind would tear through the valley and rip across the surface of the waters.

Furious, almost as if the wind was angry

Windstorm – *waves beat INTO the boat... it was already filling.*

(38b) **TEACHER:** *Do you not care that we are perishing?*

- **Were they perishing? YES!**
- **Did Jesus care? YES!**
- **Did they think Jesus cared? NO**

“Jesus is in it with you... But he is nothing like you.”

Perplexed vs. Power

Panic vs. Peace

Mr. Jeremy Taylor noted, **we are far safer in the middle of a storm with God, than anywhere else without Him.**

He arises... rebukes the wind... ***“PEACE BE STILL!”***

THERE WAS A GREAT CALM.

Water was instantly calm... sit down! No sloshing about.

I wonder how many of us, today the Lord would say to you... be muzzled!

QUESTIONS

1. Why are you so fearful?

2. How is it that you have no faith?

HOW IS IT THAT YOU THINK I DO NOT CARE?

YOU THINK I DON'T CARE OR THAT SOMEHOW I AM NOT IN CONTROL?

Let's be honest...

- Sickness (ok)
- Injury (ok)
- Demon Possession (ok)
- *Out of control creation???* (That is a stretch)

There will be things in your life that challenge your faith in the Lord. Don't make the same mistake, thinking that this one is too big or that somehow this one God does not care about. HE CARES!

Matthew 8:25 – Lord, save us! We are perishing! (Going to die)

Luke 8:23 they were in jeopardy (grave danger.)

“With Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.” – unknown author

From wild wind, to a wilder man – they reach the other side.

Mark 5:1-20 THE DEMONIAK

Read/Teach 1-9

Gadarenes - South East side of the Sea of Galilee. Part of the Decapolis

Deka = ten

Polis = city

Group of ten cities... well-known Hellenistic (Greek-influenced) cities.

- Philadelphia (*Letter in Revelation*)
- Damascus (*Where Paul was traveling to when He met the resurrected Christ*)
- Gadara (*Where they land*)

Imagine being the disciples... deep breath

Looks like they would have to take a break from taking a break

Perhaps the most intensely documented torments of the Bible.

Jesus was face-to-face with one of the most tormented souls that would ever live. - The scars, infected wounds, torment...

Aggression and desperation together in the same eyes.

What does Jesus do? Asks him his name.

Seemingly, the demons beat him to the conversation... aware and afraid.

Legion: 6,000 soldiers of Rome

Paraphrase 10-14

2,000 pigs = 2,000 demons

Couldn't even go into the pigs without permission from Jesus.

Violently ran down the embankment, plunged into the sea, and died.

Read/Teach 15 – AMAZING!!!

Paraphrase 16-17

Read/Teach 18-20

POWER OVER...

1. Permission to the demons (vs. 13)
2. Did not permit the man (vs. 19).

Sometimes our godly plans are not in line with God's plans.

COMPASSION ON YOU: to experience mercy, to find help when afflicted

THERE IS A WARNING TO US...

They saw the man clothed and in his right mind... they did not deny the miracle or dismiss the power, they simply could not cope with the radical change that comes when Jesus is present.

It is within our nature to keep Jesus at a distance so that He does not disrupt the lives we are currently enjoying. We do not deny His power or the incredible transformative work that he does... we just ask Him to stay far enough away so that our lives stay the way we like them.

Vs. 6 – Even possessed by a legion of demons, ran to Jesus.

What is keeping you from running to Jesus? (TODAY _ WILL YOU PRAY?!)

Got in the boat... crossed over in the storm... get out of the boat, sandals in the wet sand of the shoreline... a man runs out of the tombs possessed by a legion of demons... please leave, so back in the boat.

TWO FOR ONE HERE...

Mark 5:21- 43 THE DAUGHTERS (Jairus)

READ Mark 5:21-24

This day in history would not allow for a secret sidebar conversation.

Rulers are usually relatively used to crowds and public congestion.

Enter, Jairus, one of the rulers of the synagogue

Fell at his feet again!

BEGGED – the last guy who begged was told “no” this guy is told yes.

Mark 5:24-34 Woman with Blood

(Anemic; weak and broke and outcast)

Read Mark 5:27-33

Not everyone approached Jesus the same way

Roadside, crowded in, requested, but this *desperate-abandoned reach for Jesus*

They edge or hymn of His garment – implication of acknowledging royalty, certainly power and authority and obviously not of this world.

Luke 8: She came trembling & falling down before Him, confessed why she came.

27-28 It was not the action, it was the approach

Are you desperate yet?

Is our first-world faith desperate for Jesus yet?

Not only receiving the *healing*... but getting to hear the sympathetic, compassionate release of Jesus. – **DAUGHTER (34)**

NOTHING IS LIKE THE LOVE OF A FATHER... JESUS USES THE SAME RELATIONAL REFERENCE FOR THIS UNCLEAN WOMAN AS JAIRUS USED FOR HIS OWN DAUGHTER.

BACK TO THE DAUGHTER WHO WAS NO LONGER SICK... SHE WAS NOW DEAD.

35-36

There will always be reasons to be defeated, discouraged, and doubt.

When we look at life through the eyes of our understanding, we are so limited and can't see how things could ever work out. – But see what Jesus sees.

(Don't you wish you could see the look in His eyes and hear the tone of His voice...)

Do not be afraid

Only believe

Paraphrase 37-39 THE COMMOTION... almost blind and deaf to it
Peter, James, John, Jairus (dad), and mom.

Ridiculed Him

Mark 5:40-42

To touch a dead body was to become defiled...

But with Jesus, *dead things don't change Jesus, Jesus changes dead things.*

He didn't seem to do it for the daughter... but for the father who came asking.

Jairus – public request

Woman – private approach

Because of your great and mighty grace above

I rest my fear and sorrows in thy love

What is best for them is best for me.

Lord, my life, do I yield to thee

ENDING

SAME YESTERDAY TODAY AND FOREVER

What the disciples learned... what they discovered... what they found out about Jesus.

What they saw Jesus to be, Jesus still is!!!

The storm had boat-sinking, life-ending intensity

The demons had chain-breaking soul tormenting power

The ailment had life weakening isolating influence

The sickness took life... but JESUS GAVE IT BACK.

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BRING IT TO JESUS!!!

- Storm calming
- Demon concurring
- Life changing
- Death destroying
POWER...

He is in it with you but nothing like you...

To call Him Lord... is to confess, that in every way, He is higher, He is stronger, He is smarter, He is better.

You are higher... I am not

You are wiser... I am not

You are stronger... I am not

You are able... I am not

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