

**Jesus: The One Whom Storms & Satan Can't Stop**  
**Mark 4:35–5:20**

<b>Intro:</b>	
[Image]	E.g. Lady in Detroit – trying to follow in the storm ...
[Need]	It's hard to follow in the storm ... you ever be in a storm?  (a) Storm of Suffering? (b) Storm from Satan?
	The Christians in Rome, in the mid 60's AD, were facing storms of suffering & storms from Satan. And into that setting wrote Mark ...
[Subject]	In our passage today we'll see Jesus is the One Whom Storms & Satan Can't Stop!
[Text]	Mark 4:35–5:20
[Preview]	Watch out for the (a) Setting; (b) Storm & Satanic Attack; (c) Stunning Portrayal of Jesus as the one whom storms & Satan can't Stop!

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**I. Setting**

- a. Selected the 12 – to be with Him & send them out
- b. Sets out on this extraordinary mission – 'Jesus is on a mission into territories which have long been under the grip of the enemy in order to tear down Satanic strongholds, take the good news of the kingdom & transform lives for the glory of God'
- c. Spoken to them about the 'strong man' – come to bind him & drive him out
- d. Sea – Jesus says let's go over to the other side of the lake
  - (i) Gentiles on the other side of the lake – notice all the pigs ☺
  - (ii) Satanic strongholds
- e. Specific details given – in the boat / other boats / implied that it is a nice night for sailing

**II. Storm**

- a. Squall – a furious squall hits the boat – that's the hard things about many storms ... you don't expect them
- b. Swamped & Begin to Scream – remember these were seasoned fishermen – storms make you feel small / weak
- c. Start to turn back – no mention of the other boats – we think they turned back – they quit
- d. Sleep – Jesus is the picture of peace in the storm

**III. Stunning Power (over the Storm!)**

- a. Rises – when Jesus rises & enters into your storm – watch out!
- b. Rebukes Storm –
  - i. we don't normally rebuke inanimate objects, but rather people or spiritual forces
  - ii. the word has only ever been used in Mark to refer to rebuking demons / forces of evil
  - iii. Jesus discerns this is a satanic storm
  - iv. Not all storms are satanic but some are – some are as a result of poor decisions, evil of others etc.
  - v. Why? Satan like a scarecrow – trying to scare the disciples from the harvest on the far side of the sea
- c. Stunning power – be muzzled – like you'd muzzle a dog
- d. Sovereign control – even the wind and the waves obey him!

**IV. Stunning Power (over Satan!)**

- a. Confrontation – as soon as Jesus got out of the boat – evil spirit confronts Jesus
- b. Cannot be controlled – no human power or principality can contain the power of this evil spirit

- c. Chains – not even physical chains can control this man for the satanic chains bind this man
- d. Crying out & cutting – the whole scene reeks of death – cf. John 10:10 – kill & destroy
- e. Comes to bow before Jesus – Satan must bow before the King!!
- f. Countless demons – legion = multiplicity but also military – i.e., strategic battle
- g. Commands – come out of him!
- h. Cannot believe the transformation – Jesus’ stunning power has transformed this man!
- i. Commissioned to go – go tell the world what Jesus has done!

**Application – Follow Jesus in the Storm – He is the One Whom Storms & Satan Can’t Stop! [HP]**

E.g. Horatio Spafford – following Jesus in the Storm

E.g. Lady spoken of by Curtis Sargent – despite satanic opposition (tbd)

# FOLLOW

JESUS THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

PART 1: FOLLOW THE PERSON OF JESUS







“Bummer of a birthmark, Hal.”

**'Jesus is on a mission into territories which have long been under the grip of the enemy in order to tear down Satanic strongholds, take the good news of the kingdom & transform lives for the glory of God'**

**Jesus is the One Whom Storms & Satan Can't Stop**

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?' 39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. 40 He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?' 41 They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

**MARK 5:35-41**



## **I. Setting**

**(a) Jesus has just selected the 12 - to be with him & send them out (3:13-14)**

**(b) Jesus has just spoken to them of the 'strong man' - He has come to bind him & drive him out (3:27)**

**(c) Jesus has just spoken to them about the kingdom - that it will grow to take over the whole world (4:1-34)**

**(d) Jesus says 'let's go over to the other side' of the lake (4:35) - He is on a mission**

## II. Storm

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## **IV. Stunning Power (Over Satan!)**

**1 They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him.**

**3 This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. 4 For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.**

**6 When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. 7 He shouted at the top of his voice, 'What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!'**

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8 For Jesus had said to him, 'Come out of this man, you impure spirit!'

9 Then Jesus asked him, 'What is your name?' 'My name is Legion,' he replied,

'for we are many.' 10 And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

11 A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. 12 The demons

begged Jesus, 'Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.' 13 He gave

them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The

herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

14 Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside,

and the people went out to see what had happened.

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15 When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. 16 Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man – and told about the pigs as well. 17 Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. 19 Jesus did not let him, but said, 'Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.' 20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

**MARK 5:1-20**

**FOLLOW JESUS IN THE STORM - HE IS THE ONE WHOM  
STORMS & SATAN CAN'T STOP!**