

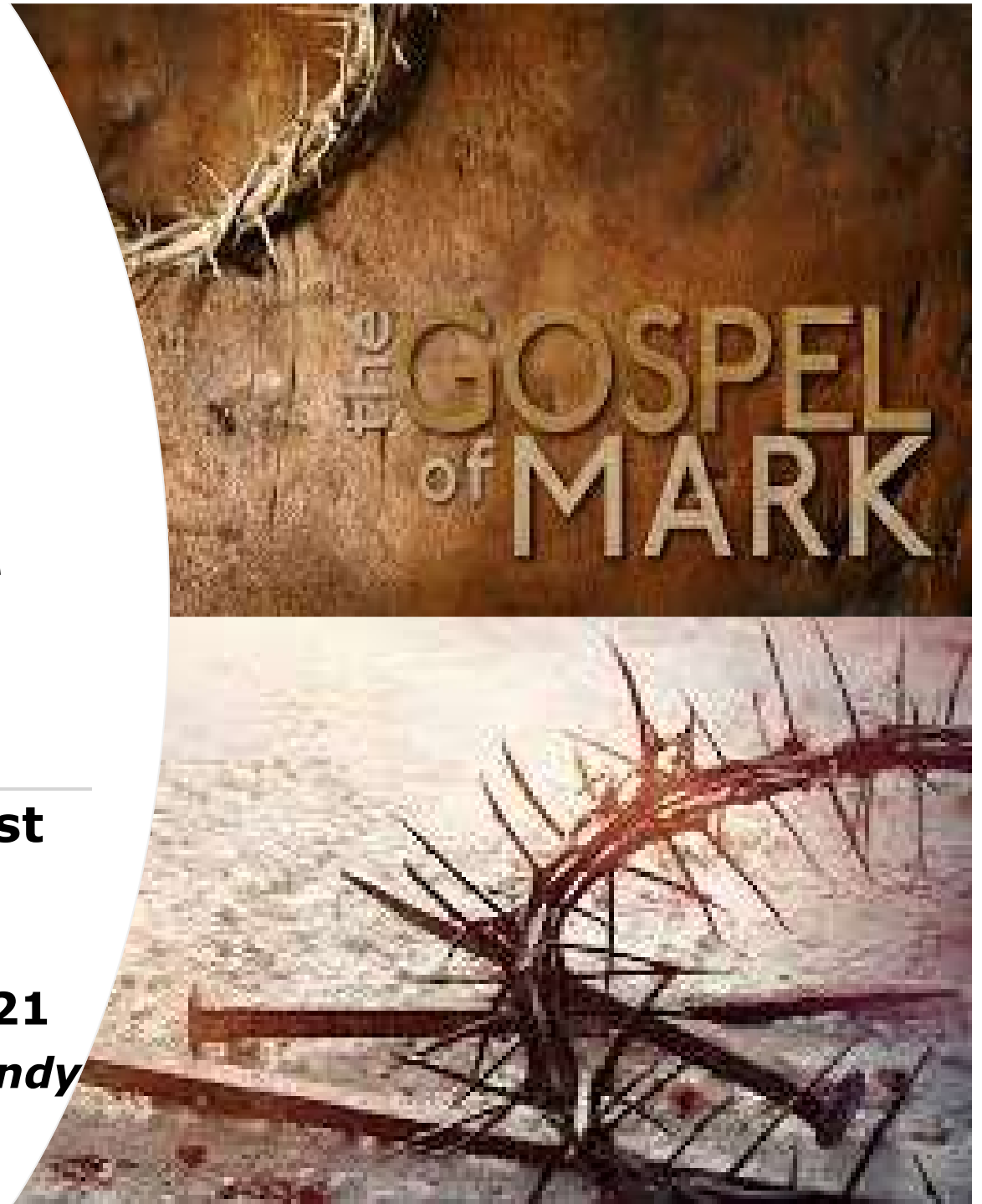
Jesus: The Master Servant

**Mount Calvary Baptist
Church**

Bible Study Series

Lesson 10 – May 5, 2021

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2021 Bible Study Series

Theme

“Jesus – The Master Servant”

Bible Book

The Gospel of Mark

Key Verse

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

(Mark 10:45, NLT)



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Study Aim(s)

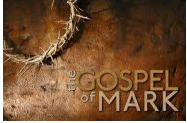
To discover how the Gospel of Mark shares with us the true character of Jesus Christ as “**Master Servant**” through His life, His love, and His ministry. We will see how Jesus provides the ultimate model for those longing to actively serve others while serving God.



Jesus: The Master Servant

Let's Recap

- In our February lessons, we began our study by looking at Mark, the person, and the Gospel book that he authored.
- Mark was a close companion of the apostle Peter who listened to Peter's sermons and recorded them.
- It is generally believed that Mark adapted Peter's preaching and teachings about Jesus in the book we now call the Gospel of Mark.



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Let's Recap

- We learned that the Gospel of Mark presents Jesus as the suffering Servant of the Lord.
- The Gospel carefully presents Jesus not with the intention of taking up a warrior's sword, but with the intention of taking up a servant's towel.
- The Gospel also portrays Jesus more by what He does versus by what He says. It is a Gospel of action.
- We covered Mark Chapter 1 and learned about the Servant's Identity, His Authority, and His Compassion, and His Mission.



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Let's Recap

- In our March lessons, we explored Chapters 2 and 3 and began to see how Jesus demonstrated to the people what his ministry was all about.
- We looked at a change in His public ministry from healing to teaching about the kingdom of God.
- While the miracles he performed in Chapter 1 were wonderful, he wanted His followers to know that there is something greater to experience!



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Let's Recap

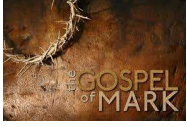
- Jesus wanted the people to understand the spiritual lessons that lay behind the physical miracles he performed.
- We focused on what the Servant offers including:
 - ✓ **Forgiveness** – sin is like a sickness and forgiveness is like having your health restored.
 - ✓ **Fulfillment** – Jesus came to usher in the new, not unite the old. Salvation is not a patching up of one's life, it is an entirely new life
 - ✓ **Freedom** – Jesus upset legalistic traditions and bondage via Sabbath defiance



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Let's Recap

- In our April lessons, from Chapter 3 and Chapter 4, we began to explore a crisis Jesus and His followers faced as His ministry grew and expanded.
- Jesus was followed by crowds and throngs of people no matter where He went.
- Jesus knew that most of the people who pushed to get near Him were shallow and insincere:
 - ✓ They wanted the healing, not the healer
 - ✓ They wanted miracles, not the miracle worker
 - ✓ They wanted what they could get, but didn't want a relationship with the giver



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Let's Recap

- The crowds were dangerous because they were not spiritually motivated.
- Had Jesus been a celebrity and not a servant, he would have catered to the crowds and tried to please them.
- Instead, He withdrew from the crowds and began to minister especially to His disciples, teaching them about kingdom principles.



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Let's Recap

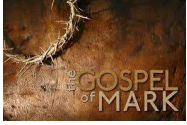
- He began to teach them through the use of parables – a brief story that uses an illustration from everyday life to bring out a spiritual truth.
- His three responses to the pressure of the crowds were:
 - ✓ He founded a new spiritual nation
 - ✓ He established a new family
 - ✓ He announced a new kingdom
- Through faith in Jesus, we become citizens of God's spiritual nation, children in God's family, and subjects of God's spiritual kingdom



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Tonight's Focus

- We will continue to look at Mark Chapter 4 and see a shift in focus for the ministry of the Servant.
- Mark now moves us from a view of what Jesus taught to a view of what He does – His actions.
- These actions were not just simple miracles, but visible actions to demonstrate to His disciples that he had power and victory over ***all things*** including **Danger, Demons, Diseases and Death.**



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Tonight's Focus

- Mark shows us that God's Servant, Jesus Christ, is the Master of every situation and the Conqueror of every enemy.
- Victory is the major theme that Mark now depicts with these miracles and if we trust Him and follow His orders, we like the disciples never need to be afraid.
- Through several miracles, Mark now illustrate how lives are changed when people meet **Jesus – The Master Servant.**



Jesus: The Master Servant

Our Lessons for May

- Our studies for May 2021 will focus on the following three (3) lessons:
 - **May 5th** – “The Servant Demonstrates His Power” (Part 1) (Mark 4:35-5:20)
 - **May 12th** – “The Servant Demonstrates His Power” (Part 2) (Mark 5:21-43)
 - **May 19th** – “The Growing Opposition To The Servant” (Mark 6:1-56)



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***“The Servant Demonstrates His Power” (Part 1)
(Mark 4:35-5:20)***



Servant Demonstrates Power

Lesson Aim(s)

- To help us solidify the thought that when life storms come, we have someone who can speak to the storms and calm the waves.
- To help us understand that an experience with Jesus can help us to trust Him with the fearful areas of our lives.
- To remind us that Satan and Demonic power are real, but they must still submit to the authority of the Son of God.
- To give us assurance that there is nothing that is outside of the authority of the Lord and there is nothing in our lives that He cannot overcome.



Servant Demonstrates Power

Introduction

- We closed our last lesson in April with Jesus teaching both the crowds and the disciples through parables about the kingdom.
- He taught from a boat using that as a platform to present all of His parables to them.
- Until now, the disciples had been observers in the crowd and not participants.
- They have listened to Him, watched Him, observed what He did, and how others responded to Him, but no demand had been placed on them.



Servant Demonstrates Power

Introduction

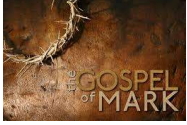
- But this is about to change, as Jesus did not allow the disciples to just be spectators.
- He wanted them to make a decision about Him, about who He was, about His mission, and He wanted them to commit themselves to Him.
- So after a very long day of teaching, He was exhausted and told His disciples *“lets go over to the other side”* (Mark 4:35). [The other side of the lake, the Sea of Galilee]



Servant Demonstrates Power

Introduction

- Mark now moves to give us a description of four(4) miracles that Jesus performed, with each miracle serving a specific purpose while demonstrating the power of the Servant and the defeat of an enemy:
 - ✓ *The Servant Provides Victory Over Danger*
(Mark 4:35-41)
 - ✓ *The Servant Provides Victory Over Demons*
(Mark 5:1-20)
 - ✓ *The Servant Provides Victory Over Diseases*
(Mark 5:21-34)
 - ✓ *The Servant Provides Victory Over Death*
(Mark 5:35-43)
- Let us take an in depth look at what our text reveals.



Servant Demonstrates Power

***“The Servant Provides Victory
Over Danger”***

(Mark 4:35-41)



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➤ **Victory Over Danger** *(Mark 4:35-41)*

- Jesus had just finished teaching the crowds through parables on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.
- The crowds lined the shore, while Jesus taught from a boat anchored just off the shore.
- Evening came and Jesus instructed His disciples to cross the lake by boat and go over to the other side *(Mark 4:35)*



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➤ **Victory Over Danger** (*Mark 4:35-41*)

- They left the crowd behind, but some heard where they were going and followed in their little boats (*Mark 4:36*)
- Being exhausted and tired, Jesus went to the back of the boat and fell asleep on a pillow (*Mark 4:38*)
- Without warning, a fierce storm came upon the lake, blowing fiercely, with big waves whipping the boat (*Mark 4:37*)
- The boat and passengers were in serious danger!



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➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

- The experienced sailors did everything they could to secure the boat and survive the storm.
- The disciples were scared to death, but Jesus slept in the back of the boat!
- Probably irritated, the disciples noticed that Jesus was sleep. They went and woke him up and asked “*Master don’t you care that we are going to drown*” (*Mark 4:38*)



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➤ **Victory Over Danger** *(Mark 4:35-41)*

- Although not stated, we can surmise that the disciples probably wondered:
 - ✓ How can He be so peaceful?
 - ✓ How can He sleep during a storm that we are about to die in?
 - ✓ Why was He not aware of the situation?
 - ✓ Didn't he care?
- Aroused from His sleep, Jesus stood and rebuked the winds and the waves. The wind stop blowing and the sea was suddenly calm *(Mark 4:39)*



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➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

- Jesus then gently rebuked the disciples for their fear and lack of faith (*Mark 4:40*)
- Still terrified and shaken by the terror, the disciples wondered what had just happened, but also wondered: *who is this man that is with them in the boat - He commands the wind and the waves and they obey Him!* (*Mark 4:41*).
- Let's focus on some principles or key learnings from this passage.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger *(Mark 4:35-41)*

Questions for Thought

1. Why were there a need to go to the other side?
2. Did Jesus know the storm was coming?
3. What had these men done wrong that they ended up in a storm?
4. Should the disciples have been disturbed by the storm? What reason(s) why or why not?



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➤ Victory Over Danger *(Mark 4:35-41)*

Learnings/Key Principles:

- This incident focuses on faith, or the absence of faith on the part of the disciples.
- The incident was designed to help the disciples understand a lesson that they did not even know they needed to learn.
- Jesus had been teaching the disciples, but now He would give them a practical test to see how much they had really learned.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- The hearing of God's Word is intended to produce faith (*Romans 10:17*), and faith must be tested to be strengthened.
- It is not enough to simply learn a lesson or to repeat what we are taught, but we must be able to practice that lesson by faith and that is one reason that God permits trials to come to our lives.
- Some think that storms come to our lives only when we have been disobedient, but this is not always the case.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Jonah ended up in a storm because of his disobedience, but the disciples were in a storm due to their obedience.
- Job “went through a storm” because of his obedience and God’s confidence in him.
- Storms sometimes hit suddenly and without warning
- Storms sometimes hit obedient believers who are serving Christ



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Storms are not fun, but we can learn lessons through storms that we never would learn if life was always calm
- Storms often expose how we are not trusting in the Lord and our incorrect view of the problem.
- The disciples thought they were going to die [*Master don't you care we are going to perish – Mark 4:38*], but they forgot who was on board with them!



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger *(Mark 4:35-41)*

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Storms should drive us to trust in the Lord of the storm – The better we know the Lord, the better we can trust Him. The bigger the storm, the more the Lord will be glorified when we trust Him
- Since Jesus is Lord overall, we must trust Him in the storms of life



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Although the storm was threatening, following are several reasons the disciples should not have been disturbed:
 - **First**, they already had a promise that they were going to the other side (Mark 4:35) Jesus did not promise an easy trip, but He promise a guaranteed arrival at their destination. He said “let’s us go to *the other side*”. He did not say “*let us try to make it to the other side*” or “*let us go out in the middle of the lake and drown*”



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Although the storm was threatening, following are several reasons the disciples should not have been disturbed:
 - ✓ **Second**, the Lord Himself was with them, so there was nothing for them to fear. They had already seen His power demonstrated, but they did not yet understand that He was the Master of every situation!

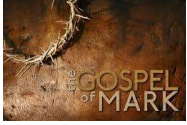


Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (Mark 4:35-41)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Although the storm was threatening, following are several reasons the disciples should not have been disturbed:
 - **Third**, they could see that Jesus was at peace even in the midst of the storm. This fact alone should have encouraged them. Jesus was in God's will and knew that the Father would take care for Him, so He took a nap. Jesus slept in the storm because He was truly secure in God's will. *"In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you along, O Lord, will keep me safe" (Psalm 4:8)*



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- We are sometimes like the disciples and cry out “*Lord don’t you care?*” Of course He cares. As He rebuked the storm, He can also handle the storms in our lives.
- But Jesus did not just stop with calming the elements, for the greatest danger was not the wind or rain from the storm, but the unbelief in the hearts of the disciples.
- This unbelief was not rooted in the sense that Jesus could not save, but their lack of faith that Jesus did not care about them and His lack of activity.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Danger (*Mark 4:35-41*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Our greatest problems are within us, not around us. This is why Jesus gently rebuked the disciples and called them “men of little faith” (*Mark 4:40*)
- This incident revealed the disciples a wonderful new truth about the Lord Jesus – That He had the authority over the wind and the sea.
- They had no reason ever again to be afraid, for their Lord was in constant control of every situation.

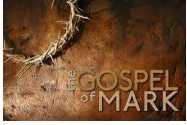


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➤ **Victory Over Danger** *(Mark 4:35-41)*

Golden Nuggets/Takeaways

1. We can bring storms on ourselves, but not every storm we face comes because we did something wrong. Often, we end up in storms because we obey Jesus.
2. When we face difficulties (storms), we need to have faith in God's goodness and God's control. The storms He sends our way are to build our faith and they will not last forever.
3. Just like the storm helped the disciples see how much faith they did not have, the storms in our lives can help us see how much faith we have.
4. No storms surprises Jesus, no storm sends Him into a panic. Not even COVID-19 pandemic!



Servant Demonstrates Power

***“The Servant Provides Victory
Over Demons”***

(Mark 5:1-20)



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ **Victory Over Demons** *(Mark 5:1-20)*

- Having shown power over the natural world, Jesus now demonstrates power over the supernatural world.
- Mark now tells us as they arrived at the other side of the lake, Jesus and the disciples landed in the country of Gadarenes *(Mark 5:1)*
- As soon as they got out of the boat, Jesus and the disciples encountered two demon-possessed men, one which was especially vocal *(Matthew 8:28)* *[Parallel texts for the story appear in Mark 5:1-20, Matthew 8:28-34 and Luke 8:26-39].*



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➤ **Victory Over Demons** *(Mark 5:1-20)*

- One of the men who was demon-possessed came out to meet Jesus for he desperately needed Him. *(Mark 5:2)*
- This man had a severe case of being demon-possessed as he was tormented day and night, naked, living among the tombs and often injured himself *(Mark 5:3-5)*
- The man saw Jesus from a distance, ran to meet him, and bowed low before Him. The demon within the man begged Jesus not to torment him *(Mark 5:6-7)*



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

- Jesus commanded the demon to come out of the man and asked the demon what was his name *(Mark 5:8-9)*
- The demon provided their name and begged Jesus to not send them away to some distance place, but to let them go into a herd of pigs that were nearby *(Mark 5:10-12)*
- Jesus gave them permission to enter into the pigs, and then the pigs ran down a steep hill, plunged into the sea and drowned *(Mark 5:13)*



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ **Victory Over Demons** *(Mark 5:1-20)*

- The people that kept and fed the pigs then ran to the nearby town and told everyone what had happened. Everyone came and gathering around Jesus and saw the man who was previously demon-possessed sitting there acting normal *(Mark 5:14-16)*.
- Then the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone *(Mark 5:17)*



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ **Victory Over Demons** *(Mark 5:1-20)*

- As Jesus was leaving, the man who had been demon-possessed begged Jesus to go with him, but Jesus told him “no” and to go home and tell everything the Lord had done for him *(Mark 5:18-19)*.
- The man left and began to proclaim the great things that Jesus had done for him and everyone was amazed at what he told them about Jesus *(Mark 5:20)*
- Let’s focus on some principles or key learnings from this passage.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

Questions for Thought

1. Which statement is true and why?
 - a. Demons can possess the unsaved.
 - b. Demons can not possess the saved.
2. After Jesus healed the demon-possessed man, he told him to go and tell everyone. This is different from previous healing miracles when Jesus told the healed person to not tell anyone. Why the difference?



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

Learnings/Key Principles:

- We first see that demons are real and they had power over the man. As the man had superhuman strength and no chains or shackles could hold him *(Mark 5:4)*
- The demons were powerful, but when the man sees Jesus, even with all of the demonic power that “binded” him, he comes and falls at the feet of Jesus. This serves as a testimony to the surpassing power of Jesus.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons (*Mark 5:1-20*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Demons can not possess the saved (“...greater is he that is in you [Holy Spirit] than he that is in the world [Satan] (1 John 4:4). Therefore, a child of God can’t be demon-possessed.
- “Good” spirits never seek to take possession of a person, except the Holy Spirit which indwells believers.
- We need to be aware of the controlling power of Satan but we don’t need to be afraid because Jesus is more powerful.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons (*Mark 5:1-20*)

Learnings/Key Principles:

- When the man goes to Jesus for help, the demons immediately recognize Jesus. They had called Him “the Holy one of God in an earlier miracle”, now we see that they identify Him as the Son of the most high God (*Mark 5:7*)
- Demons know already what will happen in the final judgement where they will end up, but they were worried that their judgment was coming a little early and asked Jesus that He does not torment them.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Demonic forces recognize that Jesus is the Son of God and recognize His right of final judgment.
- After the man was healed, one would think that the people would rejoice and applaud Jesus, but they didn't and instead asked him to leave *(Mark 5:17)*
- We see how people's value system can get messed up as the people valued 2000 pigs more than Jesus. They were more concerned with money and material wealth than the man who was demon possessed.



Servant Demonstrates Power

➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

Learnings/Key Principles:

- Rejection of Christ brings a greater loss than temporal possessions. The people lost more than pigs in the story. They lost the presence of Christ in their lives eternally.
- We need to be aware of letting earthly possessions cloud our response to the Savior.
- Salvation should result in obedient service.
- Like the man who was previously demon-possessed, we need to respond to God's commands for us to be a witness.

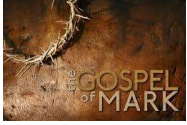


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➤ Victory Over Demons *(Mark 5:1-20)*

Golden Nuggets/Takeaways

1. We should understand that Satan and Demonic power are real. We should respect the power of the demonic, but recognize that demons are not equal in power to the Lord...they are under His authority!
2. This passage shows us the “dark side” of Satan and how he uses demons to accomplish his wishes. But we need to be keenly aware that Satan’s most effective tool is not demons, but outstanding, outwardly moral and upright religious men who believe they are serving God.
3. If we truly want to walk with Jesus, we need to learn to respect and rely on His power over anything in this world, including demonic influences.



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**Questions, Answers
and/or Comments**

Thank You!

**May God Continue To Shower You With His
Abundant Blessings!**

Meet us here next week on May 12th for:

Session #11

**“The Servant Demonstrates His Power”
(Part 2)**

(Mark 5:21-43)

