

JESUS IS KING

THE GOSPEL OF MARK PART ONE

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WARM UP QUESTION: How do you feel when you don't understand something?

READ: Mark 4:34-5:43

FOCUS: Jesus is King. He has power and authority over everything.

OBSERVE:

- At the end of the day, after teaching the crowds, Jesus requested to get in a boat and cross the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. On the way, a furious storm arose that terrified the disciples; they awoke Jesus, who immediately rebuked the storm, and the sea was calmed.
- After this, Jesus met the demoniac man filled with a legion of demons; He cast out those demons into pigs, and the man was restored. Jesus then tells the restored man to go and tell all that the Lord has done for him.
- Jairus, a synagogue leader, approached Jesus to heal his dying daughter; on the way, a woman subject to bleeding for twelve years touched His garment and was healed. Jesus miraculously raises Jairus' daughter from the dead.

REFLECT:

- What was the outcome of Jesus crossing the lake, facing a storm, delivering a man from demonic oppression and letting a herd of pigs die? What was Jesus' motivation?
- How does this series of miracles impact your view of Jesus?
- What surprises you about how Jesus responds to the needs of those around Him?

TAKE ACTION:

- Re-read the Mark passage this week and note all the feelings in the passage. Consider the ones felt by Jesus, His disciples and others.

PRAY: *Jesus, You are King. You are the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. You rule over all the earth. There is no one like You. You are kind and generous towards us beyond what we deserve. In the same way You restored the demoniac man, the woman with the issue of blood and Jairus' daughter, give us Your heart to restore those around us. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses of You and what You have done. Give us the power of God to perform signs and wonders that draw people to You. In all we do, may You receive the glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.*