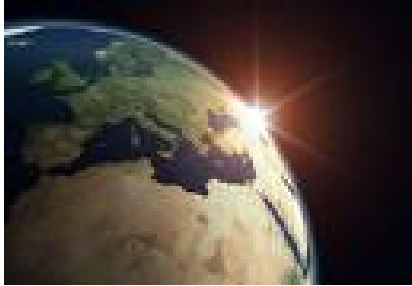


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Mark 4:35-5:20

The Good News: A Sermon Series through the Gospel of Mark
**The Good News of a Lord
Greater than Nature and the Supernatural**

There's Good News for the world . . .



They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him?"

Mark 4:41

What is the worst storm you can remember?

READ Mark 4:35-5:20

What do we learn about Jesus from each of the following verses?
4:38 4:39 5:7 5:8

What do we learn about the relationship between the disciples and Jesus from the following verses?
4:38 4:40

Talk about how the crowd responds in 5:14-17.
Have you ever felt like you wanted Jesus to leave because he was changing things too much?

Where are you in these stories?

- a. Need Jesus to calm the storm
- b. Need Jesus to drive away the "demons" – harmful desires or conflicting voices and feelings
- c. Asking, "Who is this guy?"
- d. Afraid to give your self over to Jesus because of the cost
- e. Excited to be a character actor in the drama with Jesus as the lead actor

Based on what we learn about Jesus in these stories what do you think he wants for you? Write this down in the column to the left.

What is something going on in your life that is too big for you to control or feels like a storm or chaos? What would it look like to have Jesus bring peace into this?

PRAY TOGETHER!

Pray through the following list::

"Jesus, we pray for those who need you to calm the storm in their life."

(allow time to pray aloud and/or silently for specific people)

"We pray for those who are struggling with harmful desires or conflicting voices and feelings."

(allow time to pray aloud and/or silently for specific people)

"We pray for those who are asking questions about who you are."

(allow time to pray aloud and/or silently for specific people)

"We pray for those whose fears are keeping them from you."

(allow time to pray aloud and/or silently for specific people)

"We pray for those who are eager to follow your lead."

(allow time to pray aloud and/or silently for specific people)

"Jesus, thank you for meeting us right where we are. We claim your power, peace, and freedom in our lives. Amen."