

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How is our faith tested today?
2. Why do we needlessly fear at times?
3. Why does man often rely on his own power to the extreme before “letting go” and “letting God”?
4. How do unclean spirits live in men today?
5. Do we as believers have the authority to rebuke evil spirits today?

### SUMMARY:

Man’s extremity of weakness becomes God’s opportunity to help. Christ taught such a lesson in this scripture both with the stilling of the storm and in the healing of the demoniac who was helpless of himself or anyone else. Then Christ comes and is able to help, to heal and to deliver.

When man reaches his limits, he stands in needless fear because he has not begun to tap the strength of God. Thus, God is ready and willing to come to the aid of those who—realizing they have come to their extremity—seek Christ the Master of every storm.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #1

January 2, 2022

First Quarter

## CHRIST, MASTER OF THE STORM

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Mark 4:35-41, 5:1-20*

**LESSON SETTING:** The Sea of Galilee and Gadara, East of Jordan.

**TIME:** About 28 - 31 A.D.

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- I. STILLING THE STORM.** Mark 4:35-41
  - A. Needless Fear (vs. 38) John 6:9
  - B. Man’s Extremity. Acts 12:6
  - C. Christ Rebukes Doubt (vs. 40) Matthew 14:31; 17:17
- II. DELIVERING THE DEMONIAIC.** Mark 5:1-16  
Satan’s Power...
  - A. Afflicts the Righteous. Job 1:12
  - B. Dominates Sinners. Acts 26:18
  - C. Blinds Unbelievers. 2 Corinthians 4:3
  - D. Contends with the Saints. Ephesians 6:12
- III. INSTRUCTING A FOLLOWER.** Mark 5:17-20
  - A. In Personal Work (vs. 19) Mark 2:3; John 1:41; James 5:20
  - B. In Obedience (vs. 20) Matthew 12:50; John 14:23
  - C. In Testimony. Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *HE AROSE, AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID UNTO THE SEA, PEACE BE STILL.* Mark 4:39

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** 1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:8-37;  
Matthew 9:18-26; Luke 8:40-56

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ - King and Savior

**TOPIC:** CHRIST, MASTER OF DEATH

**INTRODUCTION:**

The ruler's little daughter was dying, but he believed that if Christ laid His hands upon her, she would live. What a crushing blow must have fallen upon him when a servant coming from his home told him the child was dead. We do not read that he said anything or that he doubted, we only know that Christ said: "*Be not afraid, only believe.*" He had trusted before that Christ could heal her, dare he now believe that He could raise her from death?

Great as this miracle was, Christ has yet a greater power, and that is the power over eternal death. Even as Christ raised this daughter from physical death, He can also raise each sinner from spiritual death. But can each one believe in this power, even as the ruler did? Only if a person has this faith can Christ raise him from death. Such faith as this is God-given, inspired by His Spirit and for this the sinner must ask. God gives this faith only to those who humbly ask, seek, and knock.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Christ has the power to make Death die.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE.*

Mark 5:36

Jairus had expressed a trust and faith in Jesus when he entreated Him: "*Come and lay Thy hands on her, that she may be healed.*" (Mark 5:23) If we can have a little faith in the Master, He will encourage and elevate us to a higher trust level in Him, even when all hope seems lost. "*Be not afraid, only believe.*"

How much more dangerous is the sickness of sin? How much more final is the death of the sinner? When we are convicted of sin, finding ourselves under sentence of death—yes, being already dead spiritually—how blessed are we if we will fall at His feet! He will also say to our penitent heart, "*Be not afraid, only believe.*" Then, if we will follow Him to His death at the cross, the Master over death will also say to us "*I say unto thee, arise.*"

He to life made thee a way,  
With His life the price did pay.  
Z.H. 183:3

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF January 3 – 9**

- M. \*Christ, Master of Death. Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
- T. The Origin of Death. Genesis 3:9-19
- W. The Certainty of Death. Job 14:1-12
- T. The Shortness of Life. Psalm 90:1-12
- F. The Promise of Resurrection. John 5:21-29
- S. The Resurrection Person. John 11:17-27
- S. The Great Resurrection. Revelation 20:1-13

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