



## **“What the Lord Does”**

### **Mark 4:35-5:20**

<sup>35</sup>On that day, after evening had come, Jesus said to them, “Let us cross over to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>After releasing the crowd they took him, just as he was, in the boat and the other boats that were with him followed along. <sup>37</sup>There was a great storm of wind and the waves were splashing into the boat so that the boat was beginning to fill, <sup>38</sup>But Jesus was in the back of the boat, sleeping on the cushion. They woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are being destroyed?” <sup>39</sup>After he awoke he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Relax! Be still.” The wind stopped and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Do you not yet have faith?” <sup>41</sup>They were overwhelmed with great terror and they were saying to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea listen to him?”

<sup>1</sup>They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup>Immediately after he got out of the boat, a man from the tombs, occupied by an impure spirit, confronted him. <sup>3</sup>He was dwelling among the tombs and no one was able to bind him with a chain any longer. <sup>4</sup>He had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he had torn off his chains and broken his shackles, but nothing and no one was powerful enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup>All through the night and day he was among the tombs and mountains, crying out and cutting himself with stones. <sup>6</sup>After seeing Jesus from afar, he ran, fell down before him, <sup>7</sup>and, crying out with a loud voice, he said “Let me alone, Jesus, son of the highest God? I command you by God, do not torment me!” <sup>8</sup>For Jesus was saying to him, “Impure spirit, come out of the man!” <sup>9</sup>Jesus began asking him, “What is your name?” He replied, “Legion is my name, for we are many.” <sup>10</sup>They began intensely pleading with Jesus so that he would not send them out of the region. <sup>11</sup>Now there was a large herd of pigs grazing on the hillside <sup>12</sup>and they pleaded with him saying, “Send us to the pigs so that we may enter into them!” <sup>13</sup>Jesus dismissed them and, after the impure spirits came out, they entered into the pigs. The herd of two thousand charged down the steep bank, into the sea, and drowned.

<sup>14</sup>Those who had taken care of them ran away and told about it in the town and in the country, and the people came to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup>They came to Jesus and saw the man, who had been occupied by Legion, sitting there fully clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup>Those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-controlled man and the pigs. <sup>17</sup>And so they began to plead with Jesus to leave their region. <sup>18</sup>As he was climbing into the boat, the one who had been demon-controlled pleaded to be with him. <sup>19</sup>But Jesus did not permit him and said to him, “Go home to your own people and report all that the Lord has done for you, even showing you mercy!” <sup>20</sup>He departed and began to proclaim in the Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him, and everyone was marveling.

*Previously we have seen that responses to Jesus can take one of two forms: faith or opposition. We will continue to see what that means for each group of people with regard to the kingdom of God and the “secret” (cf. 4:11) about that kingdom that Jesus came to reveal—namely the “Gospel”—with evidence by Jesus’ teachings about the kingdom and how He displayed His power as Lord and Savior .*

**4:39** *Why would Mark call the lake a “sea”?*

*What does the sea represent?*

**4:35-41** *What doctrine of Christ does the event of stilling of the storm in the Gospel of Mark teach us?*

**4:39** *How did Jesus still the storm?*

**4:40** *Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples?*

**4:35-31** *What does the stilling of the storm reveal about Jesus that should comfort God’s people?*

**5:4** *What connection does the event with the demon-controlled man have with earlier teaching in the narrative of Mark’s Gospel? (3:20-28)*

**5:1-20** *How did the legion of demons acknowledge Jesus?*

**5:9** *What does the term “legion” refer to? Why is this significant within the context of the narrative of Mark’s Gospel?*

**5:10-13** *What is significant about the way Jesus casts out the demons?*

**5:19-20** *What is significant about Jesus telling the man to tell others what “the lord” had done for him? How does this relate to the theme of the narrative of Mark’s Gospel?*