

Lesson #15

Teaching Outline

Fear or Faith?

Matthew 8:23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Principle Truth: *The size of your faith is equal to the size of your God.*

Storms and Pigs

I. The Framework

(The Passover Feast/ The Resurrection of Jesus)

1. Remembering the Deliverance
2. Re-enacting the Event through Ritual
3. Red Sea Miracle
4. Reflections of God's Power Over The Waters

II. Storms

Fear stops us in our tracks, but faith moves us forward.

III. Pigs

It only takes a second for life to change drastically, but Jesus never changes.

Even when faith is weak, God is laying a foundation for a new glimpse of His power.

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Series 2 – Story 9

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Mark 4:35-5:20: Luke 8:22-39

***JESUS IS LORD OVER DISEASE, DANGER, DEMONS AND DEATH,
THEREFORE WE NEED NOT FEAR.***

Story Outline:

- I. Calming the Storm
- II. Casting out Demons
- III. Call to Witness

Life Application Principles:

- 1. A life without storms has no real meaning, depth, joy nor faith.
- 2. God permits storms to grow and strengthen our faith.
- 3. It only takes a second for life to change drastically, but Jesus never changes.
- 4. Jesus tests our faith in order that we may grow.
- 5. Faith is the answer to fear.
- 6. Even when our faith is weak, God is laying a foundation for a new glimpse of His might and power.
- 7. Fear focuses on self, while faith focuses on God.
- 8. The size of your faith is equal to the size of your God.
- 9. A tiny mustard seed of faith is all Jesus needs to act on our behalf.
- 10. Fear stops us in our tracks – faith moves us forward.
- 11. Only Jesus has the power to deliver from sin and break the chains of demonic forces.
- 12. Jesus came to set us free from the strongholds of sin.
- 13. We must always be willing to share with others what Christ has done in our lives.
- 14. Jesus is Lord of all and Lord over all.

NAME OF JESUS

Devotional Reading

“SOVEREIGN LORD”

In his timeless, classic devotional Morning and Evening, Charles Spurgeon writes, *“the more you know about Christ, the less you will be satisfied with superficial views of Him. The more deeply you study His transactions in the eternal covenant, His engagements on your behalf as the eternal Surety, and the fullness of His grace which shines in all His offices, the more truly you will see the King in all His beauty.”* I couldn’t agree more with this profoundly insightful statement. Throughout the course of my Christian life, I have found that the more I know of Christ and the more I understand His nature and His character, the more fully I believe Him, the more fully I trust Him and the more deeply I fall in love with Him. However, the more I know of Christ, the more I realize how very little I know about Him. The more I study and grow in my understanding of Who He is and Why He came, the more I realize I have only scratched the surface of the magnitude of ALL that He is and ALL that He does. Acknowledging my ignorance and realizing that there is so much more to know and understand about this man called Jesus, compels me to set aside the world so I have more time to sit at His feet with His word before me and learn from Him the life changing truths of His nature and character. As you grow in Christ, I hope you are finding the same to be true of you.

For those who profess to be Christians I believe that understanding the name **SOVEREIGN LORD** as it pertains to Jesus Christ is one of the most important and life altering things about Him to know. Grasping the full weight of this name is not only vital to our salvation *“because if you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is **LORD**’ and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved”*(Romans 10:9); but it is also the pathway to a deeper experience of His power, His presence and His peace in our lives: *“The counsel of the **LORD** stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations”*(Psalm 33:10); *“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our **LORD**”* (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

Generally speaking, the word **lord** translated from the Greek “*kyrios*” in the New Testament is used to refer to someone who has authority, control or power over others. Also translated “master,” “chief,” and “ruler” it is a title of honor and respect often

bestowed upon leaders and authorities. Such was the case during Christ's earthly ministry when many of His followers often called him "**LORD**" simply as a respectful acknowledgement of His great wisdom as teacher and unique power as healer. However, after His death and resurrection the significance of this title changed. When Jesus appeared to the disciples in the upper room following His death on the cross, Thomas, upon seeing and touching Christ's resurrected body, was the first to proclaim Christ's supreme deity by saying "My **LORD** and My God!" (John 20:28). Using two Greek words, "*kyrios*" for Lord and "*Oeoc*," which means "God," "Lord," or "Creator," Thomas's bold confession forever changed the message of Christ's true identity: **JESUS IS LORD** and **JESUS IS GOD**.

Likewise, generally speaking, the word **sovereign** means having supreme rank, authority and power over a group or body of persons. When the two words, "*sovereign*" and "**lord**", are put together in reference to Jesus Christ, they take on a new and powerful meaning. To ascribe to Jesus the name **SOVEREIGN LORD** is to say He the Chief Ruler and Master of all creation who has supreme rank, power and authority "*to the extent He is able to override all other powers and authorities in heaven above and on earth below. Nothing can successfully stop any act, any event, any design, any purpose or any plan which God through Christ Jesus the Lord intends to bring about*" (John Piper).

I believe that to genuinely and unapologetically declare **JESUS** is **SOVEREIGN LORD** is one of the highest, yet most humble confessions of our Christian faith. To testify, with unwavering conviction, "*JESUS is the SOVEREIGN LORD of all creation and of our very lives*" sends a message to the world and to others that our allegiance, our actions and our hope are found in Him alone. When we as Christians, who profess that the Bible is the unchanging, inerrant word of God, declare **JESUS** to be our **SOVEREIGN LORD**, we are telling the world that He is our **MASTER**, the only One to Whom we bow and obey because He not only rules the world, but He also owns it and us. "*You are not your own, you were bought with a price*" (1 Corinthians 6:19). When we proclaim **JESUS** is **SOVEREIGN LORD**, we are affirming to others that we trust in the biblical truth that He is in complete control of everything that happens no matter the plans and desires of man and Satan. Throughout His Holy Word, the **LORD** affirms again and again that He is the **SOVEREIGN ONE** who determines the outcome of all things according to His own wise purposes:

- He has absolute authority and rule over His creation (1 Chronicles 29:11-12; Psalm 47:7).
- Nothing exists outside the scope of His rule (Ephesians 1:11).
- He controls and guides all events for His glory and for the believers' good (Romans 8:28-29).

- He governs human history. He does not merely adjust His plans to incorporate people's decisions but determines the course of mankind (Daniel 4:34-35; 17:24-27).
- He is **LORD** over "random events" (Proverbs 16:33).
- He is **LORD** over nature (Psalm 135:6, Matthew 8:27.)
- He is **LORD** over all human decision (Proverbs 16:9; 19:21; 21:1).

Believing these and other powerful and life changing truths found in the scriptures, we can rest in **KNOWING** our **SOVEREIGN LORD, JESUS CHRIST**, is in complete control. No longer do we have to be slaves to fear and anxiety concerning our lives and the affairs of this erratic, godless and increasingly evil world because our Master and **LORD** is at work. We can "*be still and know that He is God*" no matter what is happening in us and around us because our confidence is in the **ALL-POWERFUL, ALL-KNOWING, ALL-WISE GOD** who loves us and who is eternally and unconditionally for us. We can have that "*peace that passes all understanding*" and confounds the world, because we know in our hearts that although we may not always understand His ways and His will, the One who sees the end from the beginning ultimately acts for our good and His glory. Regarding this truth of the Lord's divine control over all things Oswald Chambers wrote these comforting words: "*Not even the smallest detail of life happens unless God's hand is in it. Therefore, you can rest in perfect confidence in Him.*"

Friends, what is your confession today? In what and in whom does your confidence lie? Is Jesus Christ your **LORD**? Is He truly your Master, the only One to whom you bow and obey? Do you believe He is **SOVEREIGN**; that He, as both **LORD** and as **GOD**, has supreme authority over **ALL** things and is in complete control over **ALL** the affairs of the world and your life? When the world is seemingly spinning out of control, can you declare with confidence that because my **SOVEREIGN LORD** Jesus Christ is in control, things are actually falling into place in order to bring about His great and glorious plans as He has promised for His children? Are you able to remain joyful, hopeful and peaceful no matter what is going on in your life and in this world because you have absolute confidence in Jesus? As He asked His disciples on the stormy Sea of Galilee, "*Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?*" (Matthew 8:26), so I ask you, are you frightened and paralyzed by the harrowing events of today? Do not doubt, for like the disciples that day, we can rest in knowing Jesus the **SOVEREIGN LORD** is in the boat **WITH** us and that He has the power to calm the storm with the **WORD** of His mouth and to bring us out of it and safely to the shore.

The great missionary to China, Hudson Taylor once wrote "*Unless Jesus is **LORD** of all, He is not Lord at all.*" Determine in your hearts to make Him your **LORD** today. Ask Him to help you overcome all unbelief and to give you the power to walk in confident

faith and unwavering trust in His **SOVEREIGN** plans and purposes all the days of your life. Then, with peace in your heart, go and willingly obey Him and joyfully serve Him. Boldly and confidently testify to the weary, anxious, fearful world by word and example, all that you know and believe to be true of **JESUS** the **SOVEREIGN LORD**. And pray as you go, that others might desire and seek the peace, joy and hope you now have which is freely and abundantly available to all who put their faith and hope in Him.

*“Therefore, God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him
the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow in heaven and on earth
and every tongue confess that
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,
to the glory of God the Father.”
(Philippians 2:9-11)*

THE DOCTRINE

“DEMONIC ACTIVITY”

Demons: Their Origin and Mission

The Old Testament prophet Isaiah foretold the arrival of Messiah declaring that when God’s anointed came, his ministry would include not only healing from physical disease, but healing from every kind of oppression and bondage. Early in his public ministry Jesus, in the synagogue of his hometown proclaimed that he himself was the fulfillment of that prophecy. Standing before the religious establishment he declared his identity and his mission by stating:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:18)

By Jesus’ own proclamation, He declared himself to be Lord over disease, danger, demons and death. Because of this reality, therefore, we need not fear, no matter what the circumstance may be, for Jesus is in control of all things. In today’s study, we see evidence of his control over both the forces of nature itself and over demonic activity.

The Bible is the inerrant, infallible, inspired Word of God and as such, is the only reliable authority concerning truth. It is also our only reliable authority on the subject of demons and their evil activity. The Bible declares clearly that we are engaged in a spiritual war just as real as the wars fought between nations (Ephesians 1:12). As we seek to be overcomers in this spiritual battle, it is to our best advantage to understand not only Satan but his agents as well. We must however, proceed with caution. While it is wise to be knowledgeable regarding demonic activity, we should not become consumed with them. There is strong supernatural power among the demonic hosts, and the believer in Christ is wise to investigate this spiritual realm with caution. It appears from the biblical information we are given that demons are fallen angels who rebelled against God in heaven and were cast out of the presence of God. Demons therefore, are fallen or evil angels. When Jesus described hell, he called it *“everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels”* (Matthew 25:41). In the final book of the Bible, John describes the fall of Satan from the heavenly realms in a highly symbolic fashion, noting that the devil took a third of the angels in heaven with him in his rebellion. *“And his tail drew the third part of the stars (fallen angels) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth; and the dragon (Satan) stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as*

soon as it was born” (Revelation 12:4). (A symbolic word picture of Satan’s attempt to destroy the baby Jesus before he could accomplish his God ordained earthly mission). Demons therefore, are non-material (not mortal) as are all angelic beings. They are spirits; therefore as good angels are the messengers of God to carry out His works, likewise demons are the emissaries of Satan to carry out his diabolical plans in opposition to God. Like angels, demons possess tremendous intellectual ability. They have personalities that inspire emotion and will. Demons have tremendous power at this disposal. They have the power to deceive and counterfeit what might otherwise appear to be true. The chief difference between angels of God and demonic spirits lies in their moral nature. Demons are reprobates and purely evil. They are perpetually immoral because of their rebellion against Almighty God. Their sin was serious enough in the mind of God that hell and everlasting fire was created for them and for their leader, Satan (Matthew 25:41). Their nature is often described by the adjective “*unclean*” (Matthew 10:1; Mark 1:27; Acts 8:7). Peter described them as “*the angels that sinned*” (2 Peter 2:4). A major part of the work of demons today is to propagate evil, spread false doctrine, and recruit men and women to rebel against the Most High God. Simply put, their intention is to steal, kill, and destroy the faith, the witness and the impact of the believer in Christ. One of the key thoughts to remember when attempting to grasp the concept of hell is to recall that it was never the will of God that any human being should go there (1 Peter 3:9). Hell was “*prepared for the devil and his angels.*” A man therefore, will only go to hell by his own personal choice, as expressed through his willful rejection of Christ. Demons are aware of their ultimate end. The Bible teaches that someday they will be eternally confined to the lake of fire (Matthew 8: 29).

Demons are nevertheless, indeed a part of today’s world and are extremely active on multiple levels of every culture, including nations, social networks, relationships, and within individuals as well. Just as good angels assist the believer in the work of God today, likewise, demons strive to hinder the believer from advancing the cause of Christ in any way possible.

“We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore, take unto you the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”
(Ephesians 6:12-13)

The Work of Demons

Everything God created performs a function. Even after sin infected the creation of God, everything still has a purpose. Therefore God often works His will indirectly. Not

recognizing this important principle, many believers picture demons with red suits, horns and pitchforks sitting around a party table celebrating the progress of sin in the world. This false concept is extremely harmful and one of Satan's methods of deceiving mankind into apathy, indifference, and unbelief regarding the spiritual war in which Christians are engaged. Understanding the work of demons as the Bible teaches however, is vital to every Christian who desires to live a blameless life before God. Therefore, the believer who knows and is able to recognize demonic activity around him will be far better equipped to engage in spiritual battle and overcome.

Several activities are identified in the Bible in which demons may or may not be involved. Sometimes they are responsible for physical disease or mental suffering. While not all mental or physical disorders are demonic in origin, according to the Bible some apparently are. Demons are also credited with tempting people to engage in immoral practices. They are the originators and propagators of false doctrines and heretical teaching. Demons are therefore committed to evil, yet God clearly uses them to accomplish His plans and purposes – particularly as history draws to a close in the end days before the return of Christ. A deeper look into various areas in which demonic activity is often at work is helpful:

1. **Physical Disease.** There are many reasons why a person may experience physical illness. Sometimes it is the result of God's judgment upon sin (1 Corinthians 11:30). On other occasions the same sickness may come as a result of breaking a health or hygiene law or exposure to harmful germs or bacteria. Disease may be allowed by God as His means of ending a person's life in a natural way. On other occasions, demonic activity may be the reason a person experiences physical suffering. Several specific physical afflictions are attributed to demons in the Bible. Jesus delivered many from demonic possession throughout the gospel accounts. He cast a demon out of dumb man who immediately began to speak (Matthew 9:32-33). On another occasion a blind man was made to see when the demon was cast out of him (Matthew 12:22). In the Old Testament story of Job, chapter 2 states in the clearest terms that Job was afflicted physically with boils covering his body, the result of satanic activity (Job 2:1-10). Demons were the messengers that carried out Satan's commands to smite his servant Job. Of course, physical afflictions are not always symptomatic of demonic activity, but demons are indeed capable of and do, according to the Bible, often cause physical pain and suffering.
2. **Mental Disease.** Demons can affect the minds of their victims causing abnormal behavior. One example is the account of the man who lived among tombs and created great disturbance day and night (Mark 5:4-5). Another example of mental

torture demons inflict is the account of a young boy possessed with a demon who involuntarily experienced convulsions when he encountered the presence of Jesus (Luke 9:37-42). In both of these instances, the victims engaged in a form of self – destruction and physical mutilation of the body. After the demon was cast out of the person, the apparent mental problem immediately disappeared. The emissaries of Satan often bring mental torment and oppression in the form of doubt, discouragement, despair and a sense of hopelessness and even suicide to human beings. The oppression from demonic activity can sometimes be overwhelming to the one targeted. Such was the case with Job, and with Elijah whose suffering and loss brought about this same sense of despair with an intense desire to die. Suicidal thoughts can be attributed to demonic activity.

3. **Moral Impurity.** For the believer in Christ, our final moral code of ethics is the Bible. Demons are instrumental in leading both the saved and the unsaved into deadly moral compromise. One of the most commonly –used names for demons in the scriptures is the term “*unclean spirit*” as demons tarnish everything they influence. When Israel left Egypt, God gave them the promised land of Canaan. One of the reasons God wanted them in a separated land was that the heathen nations had given themselves over to unclean spirits and had become morally corrupted (Leviticus 18; Deuteronomy 18). God warned his people time and again of the dangers of moral impurity and compromise. Obedience to the laws and instructions given to Moses were God’s means of keeping His people holy and set apart from the deadly activity of demons.

4. **False Doctrine.** Paul discussed one main work of demons when he warned young Timothy of demonic conditions that would prevail in the latter times... “*In the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of demons*” (1 Timothy 4:1). Demons are the source of organized doctrines that define and distinguish all false religions and cults. Even in the early church, there were false apostles and false doctrines that had to be opposed. The book of Jude speaks strongly of the presence of false teachers and apostates opposing the truth of the word of God. The Bible teaches the coming of an Antichrist during the great Tribulation but John wrote as early as the end of the first century: “*Little children, it is the last time; and as ye have heard that Antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time*” (1 John 2:18). People driven and controlled by a spirit of anti-Christ have been present and at work in cultures since the beginning of time. The prefix “*anti*” has a twofold designation; first it means “*against*” Christ, but the secondary meaning is the most relevant as it means “*in substitution of*” or “*instead of,*” Christ. The existence of “*antichrist*” leaders throughout the ages

has been the result of demonic activity. Their main objective is to foster “*a substitute religion*” - a religion in place of Christ and the true gospel. Satan is the great counterfeiter, the great imitator. We must therefore, know the Scriptures if we are even to win the battle and overcome the great enemy of our soul, who constantly seeks to steal, kill and destroy.

5. ***Spiritual Battle.*** One of the chief difficulties of living for God is the difficulty of being an overcomer in the spiritual battle in which the Christian is perpetually engaged. Our enemies are demons. Paul states: “*We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*” (Ephesians 6:13). The phrase “*principalities... powers... rulers of the darkness*” – refers to the demonic hosts and their activities. The reality of this ongoing battle is the reason behind Paul’s counsel: “*Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*” Without this vitally important spiritual help from God, the believer is unable to overcome in the battle against demonic power.

6. ***Demonic Possession.*** Demon possession is the end result of a volitional rejection of God and a willful acceptance of Satan and his demons. An unbeliever is always vulnerable to this possession as there is no spiritual protection to limit the unclean influence of evading darkness. The unsaved person becomes the host to the demonic presence and can perpetrate untold evil upon others and cause unparalleled damage to himself. Possession by a demonic spirit is the opposite of the filling of the Holy Spirit. Since it is impossible for a believer in Christ to be possessed by demons, we must understand that a believer can indeed be OPPRESSED by demonic power. As nations turn away from God and more and more people engage in Satanic worship and demonic activity, there will be increasing evidence of impurity, decay and deterioration in that society. The Bible has much to say concerning the potential influence of demonic spirits upon us and of our need to be aware of their evil intentions to adversely affect our walk, our faith, and our witness for God. It is impossible to be an overcomer without understanding our enemy and his methods of fighting us.

The Will of God and Demonic Activity

It must be frustrating to demons after they accomplish some evil scheme to later realize that they were indeed carrying out the very will of God. A powerful example of God’s will being accomplished using demonic activity is found in 1 Samuel 16:14 where God used “*an evil spirit*” to accomplish His will in the life of Saul, Israel’s first king. On

another occasion, God used “*a lying spirit*” to deceive the false prophets of an evil king (1 Kings 22:22-23). At the end of the Great Tribulation, demons will be used by God to gather the nations of the world to the battlefields of Armageddon (Revelation 9:16). From these biblical examples we can clearly see that God is able to use even demonic activity to accomplish His will. God uses everything and wastes nothing.

When Israel finally prepared to enter the Promised Land, God strongly warned Israel regarding her relationship to the occult religions operating in the land of Canaan. “*When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God has given thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations*” (Deuteronomy 18:9). These practices included:

1. Divination – the illegitimate means of determining the will of God.
2. Necromancy – an effort to communicate with and interrogate the dead.
3. Magic – an attempt to duplicate the power of God.
4. Sorcery – using incantations or omens.
5. Witchcraft – a witch is one who makes use of magic and sorcery to accomplish the will of demons.
6. Astrology – consulting the stars to determine the future. One who recognizes biblical authority will be purposeful and intentional about eliminating any and every occultic influence from his life.

Those involved in occult activities need to follow the Ephesian example of denouncing their involvement with demons. Acts 19 declares that some Ephesian believers were “*dabbling*” in the occult until an attempted exorcism backfired in their town. Then “*many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deed*” (Acts 19:18). The result of such action led to a revival in which many occult books were destroyed and the church experienced a great revival through the favor and blessing of God. Every Christian needs to be properly equipped through the truth of God’s word to be an overcomer in the spiritual battles that rage before us and attempt to destroy us. Understanding the reality of demons is essential for every believer seeking to live for God and glorify Him. Through the power of Jesus, even those like the demoniac of Mark 4 were set free from the prison of demonic possession. Praise God for sending us such a Savior. Because Jesus is Lord over disease, danger, demons and death, we need never fear the power of darkness.

Questions for Reflection

Read Mark 4:35-41; Matthew 8:23-27; Luke 8:22-25

1. Why do you think Jesus wanted to go to the other side of the lake? Who went along with Him? Why do you think they were eager and willing to go? (skim Mark 3 and Matthew 8:18-22 for help)
2. What happened shortly after they left the shore? Where was Jesus? What was He doing?
3. From Matthew 8:25, Mark 4:38 and Luke 8:24, what did the disciples do and say to Jesus in the midst of the raging storm? What do you learn about their faith from these 3 statements?
4. According to Mark and Luke, what did Jesus do first in response to the disciple's cries? What were His exact words? What was the tempest's response?
5. Next Jesus turned His attention to the disciples. What did He say to them? Reflecting on last week's lesson (Sermon on the Mount), what had He just recently taught them that they seem to have already forgotten? (see Matthew 6:30). How likely are you to forget Jesus's words and promises when you are in the midst of a raging storm or impossible trial? Why?
6. What is at least one lesson you learn about faith from this story that you can apply or share with others when going through a difficult time?

7. In all 3 accounts of this story, we are told the disciples “*marveled*” (some translations use “*amazed*”) at Jesus’ power and were “*filled with great fear.*” What kind of fear do you think this was? Share a time when Jesus manifested His power and His presence during a storm in your life and how that experience changed you.

Read Mark 5:1-18; Luke 8:26-39

8. From Mark 5:2 and Luke 8:27, what words were used to describe the man whom Jesus encountered after stepping out of the boat?
9. What traits characterized these men that are often seen in someone with mental illness or even demonic possession?
10. (Challenge question) How did the demoniac address Jesus? Why do you think this was even possible? What is significant about this particular name of God? What does this Name of God mean to you?
11. Read Mark 5:8-13 and Luke 8:30-32. Who was Jesus addressing in these verses? How did they reply to Him and what request did they make? How did Jesus answer them? What impact do you think this had on the previously possessed man?

12. How did the people in the city react to the healing and restoration of the man?
What does their response tell you about their priorities and their hearts?
13. How do people today treat Jesus the same way? Give an example of ways they justify not glorifying Him and following Him?
14. Share a time when you experienced the pain and torture of the demonic realm.
What did you learn about Jesus from this experience?

Read Mark 5:19-20; Luke 8:39

15. What did the restored man ask of Jesus? How did Jesus answer him?
16. From these verses what do you learn about characteristics of an effective witness?
17. To whom do you need to witness to that Jesus is Lord over nature and demons?

JESUS IS SOVEREIGN LORD

Like the disciples in the storm and the demon possessed man, we have all experienced degrees of helplessness to overcome trials and sin in our lives. What new insight into Who Jesus is and Why He came have you gained from studying this powerful name? How can you apply and share this with others this week?

SALVATION QUESTION

From what sin, bondage, oppression or demonic influence do you need Jesus to deliver you from so you can be forgiven and set free? Will you courageously bring that to Him today so He can save you, restore you and give you eternal life?